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Captain Harmanpreet at the squad announcement in Mumbai on Saturday | PTI

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WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP: HARMAN & CO. AIM FOR GLOBAL GLORY

After the home triumph at ODI World Cup, India look to create a dynasty in the shortest format at the event to be held in England this Summer

AMANJOT, KASHVEE INJURIES BIG ISSUES

The biggest concern remains the injury blows to all-rounders Amanjot Kaur and Kashvee Gautam. Amanjot, crucial to India's ODI 50-over WC win, is down with a back injury, while Gautam is expected to undergo knee surgery. In their absence, the all-rounder balance is a concern, and the selectors have tried to cover it up with Radha Yadav's experience

CALL UP FOR NANDNI, COMEBACK FOR YASTIKA

- Chandigarh seamer Nandni Sharma, who had a stellar WPL season with Delhi Capitals, has earned a maiden international call
- Yastika Bhatia, who missed the ODI WC, has made a comeback as back-up keeper. England held the inaugural in 2009. In that event, India had reached the last four stage of the tournament | **P15**

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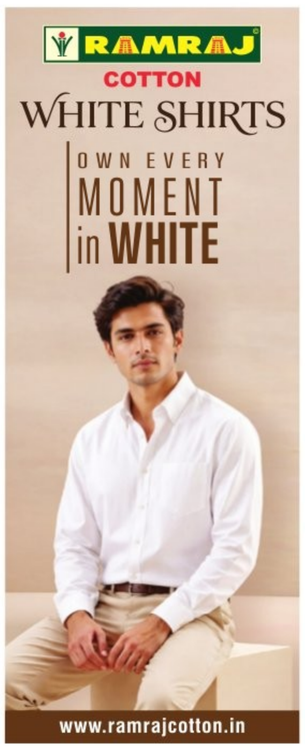

Rare full Falta repoll fiat

Major ECI crackdown after reports of violence following threats by TMC goons to voters

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

IN an extraordinary move, the Election Commission (EC) late on Saturday ordered 'fresh' re-polling in all 285 polling stations of the Falta assembly seat in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district on May 21 due to "subversion of democratic process" and "severe electoral offences". Re-election in an entire assembly seat has not been ordered in the recent past.

The fresh poll will take place on Thursday, May 21 and the counting of votes will happen on Sunday, May 24.

The Commission invoked its constitutional powers under Article 324 to annul the earlier polling on April 29, citing "serious irregularities" that compromised the integrity of the electoral process in a large number of booths.

Earlier in the day, Falta was in the thick of things as it recorded tense moments leading to protests from a large section of voters who staged a gherao for over seven hours, alleging they were receiving life threats from TMC workers in the area.

Considering the situation in Falta, the ECI directed registering of FIRs against Israfil Chowkidar, gram panchayat pradhan at Hasimnagar and an associate of Jahangir Khan, Trinamool candidate from Falta, and another TMC worker Sujauddin Sheikh, to restore confidence among voters. Jahangir is a close lieutenant of Abhishek Banerjee, TMC national general secretary and Diamond Harbour MP.

The protesters, many of them women and holding BJP flags, blocked the road in Hasimnagar village. "TMC's Israfil Chowkidar has threatened us that if these people win, they will burn our houses and indulge in bloodshed," they claimed.

The CRPF deputy commandant assured the demonstrators of ensuring their safety. Khan dismissed the allegations and said the women were "deployed" by the BJP. "If the charges are proved, I am ready to face the law," he said.

On Friday, the EC had ordered re-election in 15 polling stations of two Assembly seats in West Bengal — Diamond Harbour and Magarhat Paschim. **P10**

POLL WALL

Re-poll: 87% voter turnout

Repolling in 15 booths of two assembly constituencies in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district concluded at 6 pm on Saturday. A turnout of 86.90% was recorded till 5 pm, with the figure from one booth still awaited.

Mamata bullish of good show

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Saturday told counting agents of the party that it will secure over 200 of the 294 assembly seats.

Locals stage a protest in Falta on Saturday after being allegedly threatened and assaulted by a TMC leader | PTI

NO SC ORDER ON TMC APPEAL OVER COUNTING

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

A special bench of the Supreme Court on Saturday refused to pass any order on a Trinamool Congress plea challenging the decision of the Election Commission of India (ECI) to appoint only Central government employees and PSU staff as counting day supervisors in West Bengal.

A two-judge bench of justices P S Narasimha and Joymalya Bagchi observed that the ECI has the liberty to choose the counting personnel it wants to deploy. Besides, the ECI's April 13 circular provides for deployment of state government employees as well, so it cannot be said to be incorrect, the court reasoned. For its part, the ECI assured that the state's nominee will be present during counting.

"No further orders are necessary in this case except to record the statement of Dama Seshadri Naidu that the Election Commission will implement the circular dated 13th April, 2026 in true letter and spirit," the bench said.

Iran didn't want war, it was forced on us: Top cleric

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

MORE than 60 days into the war that has destabilised the global economy and sent oil prices spiralling out of control, there are no signs of the Iran war ending soon. While there is no decisive military or diplomatic win for the United States or Israel even after two months, for Iran it is a war they never wanted. "Iran never wanted war, it was forced on us. We don't want it still, but if the enemies persist then Iran is ready to sustain the war even if it goes up to 10 years," Dr Abdul Majeed Hakim Ilahi, representative of the Supreme Leader of Iran, told *The New Sunday Express*. He was in the city to attend the prayer meeting of the former Supreme Leader, late Ayatollah Khamenei.

"They (US and Israel) thought the war would end in three days; Iran will buckle and they will split it into five countries. That did not happen, nor will it ever happen in the future. Iranians will shed their blood but not give an inch of their land away. The enemies spoke about regime change, little realising that Iran has a Constitution and they can't change it. The US claims that it has bombed all our nuclear sites, yet President Trump accuses us of having nuclear weapons! We are signatories to the NPT and have the right to develop peaceful nuclear technology for electricity and medicine under the NPT," he added.

Dr Ilahi said the war that the US and Israel launched on February 28 was to "cover up individual issues (of US President Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu)." **P5**

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Dr Abdul Majeed Hakim Ilahi speaks to TNSE in Bengaluru on Saturday

Army launches sovereign swarm capability push

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

THE Indian Army is looking to build its own sovereign swarm warfare capability and has begun search for a joint development partner to develop an indigenous swarm algorithm that could eventually provide it with a unified command and control framework for networked drone operations.

Top sources told this paper that the Army has invited bids for the project and will hold a pre-bid meeting in the second week of May. "This is far bigger than simply acquiring another swarm capability," a source said. "What the Army is trying to do is build a common architecture of its own, so swarm operations are no longer tied to individual vendors or proprietary systems." The project comes at a time when contemporary conflicts have underscored the operational value of networked drone swarms across surveillance, logistics, payload delivery and adaptive combat roles.

The project is structured in two phases over six months, beginning with an initial two-month stage focused on developing an indigenous ground control station and software integration framework.

"The focus is on creating a secure common control layer over existing drone assets, with fully offline capability built in from the outset," the source said. The second phase, spanning four months, expands the model from centralised control to decentralised swarm autonomy, with onboard computing, indigenous software stacks and greater battlefield resilience. "The objective is to test whether these prototypes can continue functioning in tougher, more realistic operational conditions, rather than only in controlled environments," the source said.

It will test adaptive formations, task reassignment, collision avoidance and the swarm's ability to sustain operations even when communications are disrupted, drones are lost or navigation systems come under strain.

Indigenous control

The stress on indigenous control comes amid persistent security concerns over Chinese components in drone systems after past vulnerability scares triggered tighter scrutiny of military drone supply chains

K'taka, Goa at loggerheads over control of islands

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @Karwar

KARNATAKA and Goa could be headed for a stiff standoff over the ownership and development of islands, which were surveyed and named by the Uttara Kannada district administration with the intent of promoting them for tourism.

Karnataka surveyed these revenue islands near Karwar and Bhatkal recently. But in a counter-move, Goa announced this week that it would conduct its own survey of islands till Bhatkal. With Karnataka in no mood to relent, district in-charge minister Mankal Vaidya declared that the state would not cede an inch of land to Goa.

After a report appeared in *The New Indian Express* that Karnataka was planning to develop these remote, uninhabited and unnamed islands, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant asserted that he would not allow Karnataka to take up projects on these islands. **P6**

EXPRESS READ

Indefinite transport stir from May 20

Bengaluru: The Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation on Saturday declared an indefinite strike from May 20 if the state government fails to fulfil their demands of pay hike and release of salary arrears | **P4**

IPL FINAL

Bengaluru's turn but BCCI yet to finalise venue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

IN March 2026, Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) had said that Bengaluru would host the final and a playoff match of this year's edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL). However, with the schedule for the play-off and final yet to be announced, Devajit Saikia, board secretary, refused to confirm whether Bengaluru will retain the right to host the final as defending champions. "We are working on which can be the appropriate venue for the IPL playoff and the final," he told reporters on the sidelines of the Indian squad announcement for the women's T20 World Cup. "You keep on guessing, but I am not going to give a reply. We are taking a call in two days."

Usually, the defending champions host the final and a playoff game. That practice, however, was not followed in 2025 when the final was moved from Kolkata to Ahmedabad (the BCCI had cited the threat of rain) and the Royal Challengers Bengaluru won the title. It remains to be seen whether the board allots one of the year's marquee clashes to Ahmedabad this year as well.

Action against RR

Meanwhile, days after Rajasthan Royals captain Riyan Parag was fined 25 per cent of his match fee for vaping in the dressing room, Saikia confirmed that the board is exploring options to take stringent action against the franchise. "We are exploring some other options on how to rein in the teams which are violating the norms," he said. "We will be taking some action. We are looking at the various terms and conditions and protocols of IPL on how the teams should behave. It is not only the players or the officials. As a team, they have to maintain certain decorum so that the image of IPL is never adversely affected. To ensure that, we have to take a call and we will be taking some action."

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Devajit Saikia, BCCI secretary

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Sunrise 05.58 am
Sunset 06.35 pm
Moonrise 08.03 pm
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In an inspiring feat, 43-year-old visually challenged Priyanka Agarwal makes it to the base camp of Mount Everest over a nine-day, arduous trek

SCALING CHALLENGES A WAY OF LIFE

ANUBHAB ROY @Bengaluru

IN a given day, one perhaps thinks about climbing the stairs that lead up to their offices. Scaling mountains is not part of the to-do list.

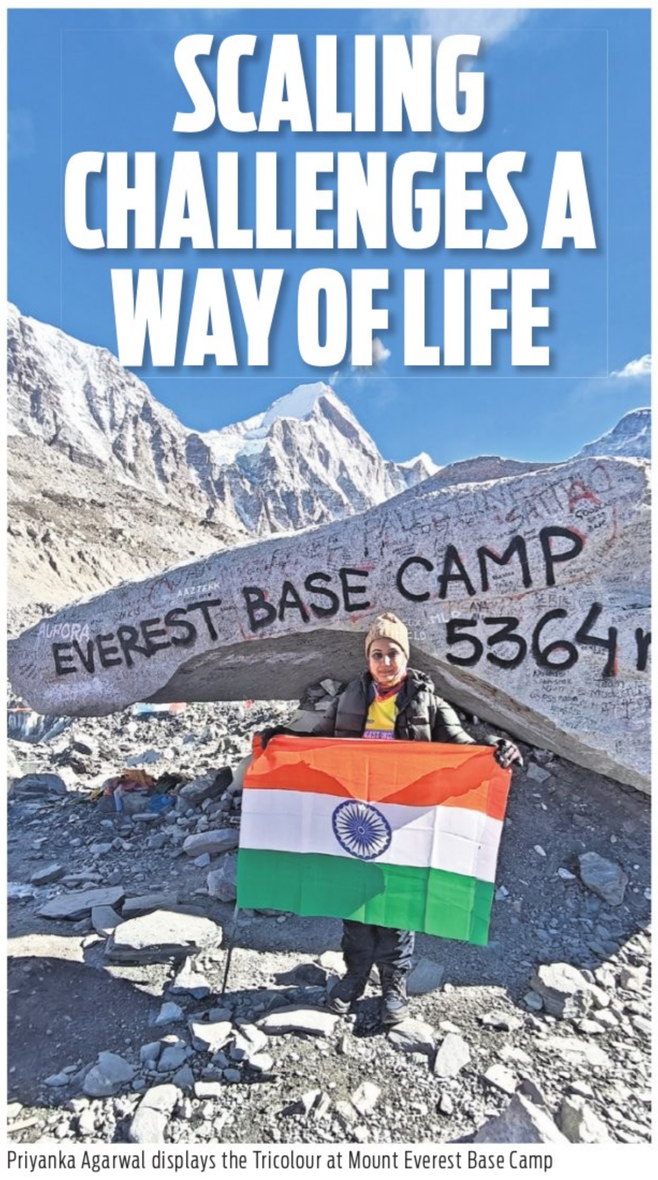
Bengaluru-based Priyanka Agarwal, who is visually challenged, recently made it to the base camp of Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world, braving heavy odds. It was not an everyday deal.

Agarwal, who is only the second blind woman from India to achieve this, was born with retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic disease marked by progressive deterioration of the retina's photoreceptor (light-receiving) cells. While her eyesight began as normal, by the time she was in college, Agarwal could read only the headlines in a newspaper.

"I was born with good eyesight, but it got so bad that I could not read by the time I was in college. I have been dependent on screen-reading software ever since. Up to a couple of years ago, I could get around by myself, but even that has stopped now," says Agarwal.

Her initial foray into climbing was a mock exercise about a decade ago, and a Skandagiri trek around the same time, when she was about 65% blind.

"I have had no formal training. I once watched a film about a young girl scaling Mount Everest, and especially during the pandemic years, the idea gripped me. But still, it is not something that I saw myself to be capable of doing."



Priyanka Agarwal displays the Tricolour at Mount Everest Base Camp

By the time Agarwal, with her husband, started the climb on April 5, she was 43, and only about 10% of her sight remained. But this did not come about without some experienced help along the way. "I volunteer at the Inclusive India Foundation, and at one of our inclusion summits, I met Tinkesh Kaushik, who was the first triple amputee to reach the Everest base camp. I came to know about his work in training persons with disabilities to climb mountains, and he agreed to train me," says Agarwal.

There is only so much preparation training can offer. When Agarwal was made to be part of a trekking group that paired her with a local mountaineer, she found her guide to be someone who had not received formal training in guiding a person with blindness. "She had no formal training in guiding a person with a disability, so we had to improvise in a tricky situation. There were many boulders along the way that I did not anticipate, and given that my guide was not spontaneous in giving me vertical directions, the climb was made even more unpredictable," she says.

On April 14, with her husband Dimpesh Bhatewara, Agarwal reached the Everest base camp, which rests at an elevation of 5364 m above the sea level. The nine-day climb saw her amass her grit and focus her instincts through uneven boulders, hailstorms, and sub-zero temperatures to reach a point that would make most shudder. At a point when Agarwal could barely make out shapes of people even when they stood in her proximity, she stood undeterred while facing perhaps the most daunting of shapes, buoyed by a spirit that refused to waver even when the tallest peak came calling.

Down memory lane with Cantt tales

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A HISTORIC trail presented by historians and philatelists helps one discover and enjoy Bengaluru's history. Seeing the evolution of Bengaluru's colonial military history, the making of its cantonment and the life within from 1808, has been an eye-opener for many.

The trail, The Army Town and Its Tales, helps one understand the why and how Bengaluru was chosen as a British cantonment. The journey traces the contributions of the British and Indian soldiers in building the first wave of the cantonment. It helps people understand the meteoric rise of being seen as one of the celebrated cantonment's of the country.

"People on the trail discover the genesis of Bengaluru's cantonment through the heritage monuments, buildings and old landmarks which have given way to modern landmarks. Topographical features, photographs, antique maps, 19th century postal history, archival material helps us visualise, understand and appreciate the stories around the Infantry, cavalry, Brigade and MG Roads still stand, though in a different form," said Varun Khanna, philatelist and tour curator.

The highlight of the trail gives one an experience inside the present day army campus (with special permission) and how the heritage buildings are well preserved and continue to stand alongside modern structures. "It truly is an experience to absorb and see the unknown history unfolding within the known precincts of Cubbon Road and MG Road," he said.

The trail, The Army Town and Its Tales, helps one understand the why and how Bengaluru was chosen as a British cantonment | EXPRESS

Participants also appreciate of the old architecture, stories of soldiers who lived here and fought battles in far flung locations across the world come alive. They also see how armament, battle strategies and uniforms evolved alongside the shift in lifestyle, food and beverage trends, he said.

The 4-km long, four-and-half-hour long trail on weekends, has been drawing people of all ages and from all walks of life. The youngest includes a 15-year-old and the oldest being 80 years of age.

Recollecting how the trail started in June 2025, Varun said: "It began when I was researching my grandfather's military profile. He was commissioned as an officer in the 5th Battalion, First Punjab Regiment from the Officers Training School, this building still stands strong within the Army Service Corps Centre in the City. As a collector of military postal history for the last 15 years, it has been a wonderful experience to collect and research postal history of Bangalore cantonment over the years and connect it with locations which we visit in our trail. These are 19th century letters, photographs, postal stamps, picture postcards, postal markings and other archival materials helps us to make the walk interesting, informative and experiential."

Raksha Nagaraj, Founder of Bengaluru Prayana, said: "The trail has been curated over one-and-half years through research, combining archival material with on-ground exploration. We do not just focus on events or dates, but on the larger story of how Bangalore evolved into a prominent Cantonment town. What makes the experience unique is that we bring together military, social, and cultural histories while walking through the city's historic public spaces."

Post Bowring, unsafe walls razed

After the death of 7 people in the Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital Wall Collapse on Wednesday, a 25-foot-high, 300-meter-long, dangerous walls at Binny Mill and a 240-meter-long compound wall of the Mysore Lamps premises of the Western Nagar Palika on 8th Main Road, Malleswaram were razed. The actions follow the directions from Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar and Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao's direction to identify such dilapidated and dangerous walls and old structures and raze them accordingly. **ENS**

Binny Mill

Malleswaram

Complete asphalting works by May-end, says GBA chief

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GREATER Bengaluru Authority Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao instructed the officials to complete the asphalting works undertaken in the jurisdiction of Bengaluru West and South Municipal Corporations by May-end.

Addressing the officials of Bengaluru West and South Municipal Corporations on Saturday regarding road asphalting works and precautionary measures for the rainy season, he said, under the state government grant, asphalting and comprehensive development works of major arterial, sub-arterial roads and wards of the city are in progress, and officials have been directed to complete the pavements and drainage works on priority and complete the asphalting works by May-end.

"The officials should visit the places where road asphalting has already been completed and inspect the quality of the work. In addition, appropriate steps should be taken to monitor the ongoing works and complete them at the earliest," he said.

The Chief Commissioner also mentioned that a project monitoring dashboard should be created for continuous monitoring of the ongoing works. "A system must be implemented to upload the Request For Information (RFIs), quality certificates and photographs of the works submitted in the dashboard on a daily basis. The development of footpaths and drains should be carried out on priority in the places of work that have not yet started and are in progress," Rao stressed.

He gave strict instructions to identify the areas that were flooded during the recent rains and to complete the dredging of drains, cleaning of shoulder drains, and waste removal works in the next two days so that the problem does not recur in the future.

As some of the uprooted trees still lie uncleared from sidewalks and footpaths following the recent heavy rains accompanied by wind, he directed the deployment of additional private teams immediately.

Western City Corporation Commissioner KV Rajendra said that the contractors have been instructed to immediately clear the debris remaining after the completion of the road works. "Signboards and safety equipment should be installed at the sites of the works in progress. Precautionary measures should be taken to prevent unnecessary steps and ramps from being built on footpaths in developed areas," said Rajendra.

KN Ramesh of South City Corporation spoke and said that necessary steps have been taken to complete the asphalting works at the earliest. In addition, he informed that preparations have also been made for the repair of the deteriorated roads.

Accordingly, Commissioners and Additional Commissioners of all five City Corporations have been instructed to personally monitor the situation and form special teams comprising Fire and Emergency Services personnel, Police staff, and City Corporation officials/employees. These teams are directed to implement all necessary precautionary measures in view of the likelihood of further heavy rains, ensuring that the public faces no inconvenience.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah releases a handbook comprising 15 success stories of the state's progress, at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday. Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, additional secretaries and principal secretaries were present

From green villages to digital anganwadis, state showcases success stories

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah released a handbook of success stories reflecting upon the progress of Karnataka in various sectors including health, education, rural development and panchayat raj, National Rural Livelihood Mission, and more.

The book released on Saturday comprises 15 success stories which are a result of partly the efforts of officials and partly individuals or common citizens.

Biradahalli in Hasan district where villagers are reducing their carbon footprint is one such story. This village was also recognised and awarded rank 2 in the Climate Action Special Panchayat Award Category recently by the central government for implementing various sustainable methods like solar on their roof tops and other green initiatives.

Similarly, around 463 anganwadi centers in Mangalore rural district has implemented digital classrooms by installing LED TVs and Raksha Smart Book app to bridge the digital divide in early education. It focuses on making learning more fun and interactive by using audio-visual methods.

Gaalibidu Gram Panchayat of Madikeri Taluk in Kodagu district was honoured with Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Panchayat Vikas Puraskar by the Ministry of Panchayat Raj for addressing issues of poverty and implementing the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). Gaalibidu promoted self-employment among women and expanded financial and welfare schemes which was later followed by surrounding villages including Kalur, Hemmiyala and others.

A survey was conducted in Mysuru district to find out the status of government hospitals run under Private Public Partnership model.

It revealed that patients have been able to benefit from treatment like dialysis which are at affordable price in government hospitals. There is a growing demand among patients to address the growing treatment burden of kidney diseases and demand for dialysis service for poor and middle class patients. Hospital under PPP model also addressed challenges including shortages of support staff, equipment, technology, and other services.

Advocate writes to CJI, seeks SC intervention in local body poll delay

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FORMER president of the Advocates Association Bengaluru, AP Ranganatha, has written to the Chief Justice of India, urging him to take suo motu cognisance of the continuing constitutional breakdown and the wilful disobedience of the directions of the Supreme Court in conducting local body elections in Bengaluru.

He stated, "We are constrained to approach you in the backdrop of a prolonged and egregious constitutional failure in the civic governance of Bengaluru, where, for nearly six years, the mandate of democratic self-governance has been effectively suspended."

He added, "Notwithstanding a legacy of municipal administration dating back to 1862 under the Improvement of Towns Act, 1850, the present situation reflects asystematic erosion of constitutional guarantees, with citizens of Bengaluru having been afforded the opportunity to elect their representatives only twice in the past eighteen years."

Expressing anger over the negligence of the city infrastructure and facilities, he said, "Despite Bengaluru contributing 40% to Karnataka's GDP, there are no ward councillors and no elected mayor.

Instead of a democratic body, the city is presently administered entirely by bureaucratic authorities appointed by the state government, who are neither electorally accountable nor directly answerable to citizens."

He also requested that appropriate contempt proceedings be initiated against the officials concerned and authorities responsible for non-compliance with the binding timelines fixed by the Supreme Court, including those seeking extension of time in direct contravention of judicial orders and ensure that elections are conducted on or before June 30 without further extension.

Chitrakala Parishant's Namma Art Bengaluru from May 6-10

Bengaluru: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath's second edition of Namma Art Bengaluru will be held between May 6 and 10. This year, the Parishath is expecting more than 150 artists from across the country. Entry to the exhibition is free. Addressing the media here on Saturday, Chitrakala Parishath President BL Shankar said, "Artists from across India would present a compelling range of contemporary and traditional works. Alongside the main fair, a specially curated exhibition by eminent art historian and curator Lina Vincent will also be held." In addition, a public programme comprising a series of masterclasses and panel discussions titled 'Creative Dialogues' will be held. **ENS**

Dr Ambedkar Institute of Technology, in collaboration with the Maha Bodhi Society (MBS), Bengaluru, celebrated the 2570th Sacred Buddha Jayanti. A special talk was organised on the occasion. MBS General Secretary Bhikkhu Ananda graced the event in the presence of PVP Welfare Trust Chairman S Mariswamy IPS, Managing Trustee and Secretary Dr M Mahadeva and Kollegala MLA AR Krishnamurthy | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

St Philomena's students bring laurels in SSLC exam-1

Bengaluru: Five students of St Philomena's English School in Sarjapura scored high marks in SSLC exam-1. Monika Bist R scored 97.28%, Prathiksha Venkanna Kittur 96.32%, Kusuma T S 95.36%, Masud Abdul Malik 95.04% and Priyanka Angadi 94.88%. The school management congratulated the students for their efforts. **ENS**

Sri Vidya Public School students shine in SSLC

Bengaluru: Thirteen students of Sri Vidya Public High School have scored high percentage in the SSLC exam -1 held in March. Spoorthi A has scored 98.04%, Nandan N 96.32%, Nandini A 96.16%, Poorvika D B 95.68% and Rakhi Barman 95.04%. Appreciating the achievements, the school principal and the management congratulated the students. **ENS**

Mason's son scores 565 marks in SSLC

Bengaluru: **Master Mallayya**, a Class 10 student of Vijayanagara Vivekananda High School, has secured an impressive score of 565 marks, achieving 90.4%, in the SSLC examination. Mallayya is the son of a mason, making his achievement all the more impressive. Nagarathna (school founder), along with other staff members, conveyed their best wishes for his continued success and a bright future ahead.

Devendrappa Avanti, a senior journalist in Kalaburagi, has been selected for the prestigious Kasaragod Kannada Journalists' Welfare Association Award of Kerala. The award consists of a cash prize, a certificate and a memento. The award will be presented at a ceremony to be held on May 16 at the Subbayyakatte Aided Higher Primary School auditorium in Kasaragod district

Man gets 7-yr RI for bid to free LeT terrorist

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@ Bengaluru

THE Special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in Bengaluru sentenced Vikram Kumar alias Chhota Usman, accused number 9 in the conspiracy to free T Naseer – the Kerala-origin mastermind behind the Bengaluru serial blasts and a Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist – from prison, to seven years of rigorous imprisonment and slapped a fine of Rs 30,000 on him under terrorism charges.

Kumar, hailing from Begusarai in Bihar, had pleaded guilty in the case. He came in contact with Naseer while lodged in Bengaluru Central prison in connection with the Noor murder case in 2017-18. During his time in jail, he was influenced by Naseer and later converted to Islam, changing his name to Usman. Even after his release from prison, he maintained constant contact with Naseer and members of other extremist outfits.

After his release from jail, Usman, who was following Naseer's instructions, devised a plan to free the terrorist. Along with co-accused Junaid Ahmed and Salman Khan, he began collecting explosives. Their primary plan was to attack a police vehicle while terrorists were being transported either to court for hearings or to hospitals for treatment, kill the police personnel, and free Naseer.

As part of their plan, the gang procured grenades from Ambala in Haryana. They also arranged deadly weapons and vehicles required for the attack. The details came to light during the NIA investigation.

In January 2025 the NIA chargesheeted Kumar under section 120B of IPC, sections 17, 18, 20, 23, and 39 of UAPA and section 120B read with section 6 of the Explosive Substances Act.

Mother of 3-month-old kills self, family alleges harassment for dowry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 23-year-old woman was on Saturday found dead under mysterious circumstances at her husband's house in Hulimavu area. The victim's family has accused the victim's husband, his mother and two others of killing the woman over dowry demands and making it look like a case of suicide.

The deceased has been identified as S Vandhana, a resident of Old Post Office Road in Hulimavu. The incident took place on Thursday between 9 am and 10 am. She was married to the accused three years ago and had a three-month-old child. Police have registered a case of dowry-related torture and murder.

The victim's 29-year-old brother Narasimha Murthy, a resident of Bettadasapura has filed a complaint against the victim's husband Vikram Shesha and three others.

Murthy said in his complaint that his sister was married to Shesha in August 2023 and was harassed by her in-laws for not giving her husband a bike as dowry. On Thursday morning around 10 am, Vikram called the Vandhana's mother and said she died by hanging. She was shifted to a nearby private hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival.

"A few days after the wedding, Vikram demanded more dowry. Vandhana informed her parents about the harassment. A few attempts were also made to make peace between both families. The victim's family have alleged that the accused, after killing Vandhana, made it look like suicide by hanging the body. The case is under investigation," said a police officer.

Five separate mishaps claim five lives in city

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FIVE persons lost their lives in five separate accidents in the city since Friday night. Of the five, two accidents were reported within the Kengeri traffic police limits, and the other three within the Yelahanka traffic police limits.

In the Kengeri traffic limits, both the victims were pedestrians, and the accidents occurred on Mysuru Road. Nagaraj alias Raj (48), a daily-wage labourer and a resident of Subbarayappanapalya, died after he was hit by a car near Kaniminike Toll Plaza on the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta section of NH 275 connecting the expressway around 10.30 pm.

In the second accident, Manu, a driver of an earthmover, died after he was run over by a car near Kadamba Hotel around 11.30 pm. He was a resident of Bannerghatta. He succumbed to his injuries at a hospital in the early hours of Saturday.

Meanwhile, 80-year-old Srinivas, a resident of Yelahanka, died after he was hit by an ambulance near Yelahanka Dairy Circle around 10 pm. He was crossing the road when the vehicle crashed into him. In another accident, Shashank, 35, hailing from Odisha and working at a private hospital, died on the spot after falling from his bike at 9 pm on Nagenahalli Road. He was allegedly speeding while going home from work when the accident occurred.

Meanwhile, an unidentified man died in a hit-and-run accident on the Kogilu flyover at 3 am on Saturday. The deceased is said to be around 35 years old.

Elderly B'luru couple drown in KRS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mandya

AN elderly couple drowned after a boat capsized in the backwaters of the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) near Giriyarahalli in Srirangapatna taluk.

The victims, V Manjunath (72) and his wife Jassi (70), residents of Varthur in Bengaluru and originally from Kerala, had gone for boating on Friday evening with their daughter, son-in-law, and grandson. The trip was organised by a private sailing group, RMSC, near Giriyarahalli.

Strong winds caused the boat to capsize, throwing all occupants into the water. The staff of the boat operator acted quickly and brought all five individuals ashore.

Even though medical personnel attempted to revive the elderly couple, their life could not be saved, as they had reportedly ingested a large quantity of water.

Rescue operations under way after a boat capsized in the KRS backwaters on Friday

Man swept away

In a separate incident that happened in the vicinity, a 26-year-old man identified as Madhu, son of Eshwara and a resident of Giriyarahalli, went missing while fishing on Friday evening. He was swept away along with his fishing gear due to strong currents.

Search operations, involving fire brigade personnel, local fishermen, expert divers and the RMSC sailing team, were underway since Saturday morning, but the man could not be traced.

Priest kills two kids, self after wife elopes with his nephew

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A priest, Shivanna (40), ended his life after smothering his two minor sons Jeevan (10) and Pranesh (5) at Alkere village in Kunigal taluk on Friday night. The incident came to light on Saturday when neighbours found him hanging inside his house.

Shivanna was reportedly distressed after finding out that his wife Kavya allegedly had an illicit relationship with his nephew Hemanth. They had later eloped taking cash and jewellery.

Shivanna and Kavya were married for 12 years and were reportedly happy. After his elder sister's death, Shivanna had brought her son Hemanth home a few years ago. Hemanth allegedly developed an illicit relationship with Kavya. After finding out about their relationship, Shivanna had sent Hemanth away. But soon after, Hemanth and Kavya eloped. Then, the Kunigal police intervened and convinced Kavya to return home. But on Friday, Kavya left home with cash and valuables. A distressed Shivanna killed his children, before ending his life.

Miscreants kill 60-year-old woman, attempt to torch body

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE burnt body of an unidentified woman was found on the Kaggalipura Road near Bilwaradahalli on Saturday morning around 9.30 am.

Police officials said it is suspected that miscreants killed the woman in her late sixties, and in a bid to destroy evidence, poured petrol on the body and set it on fire. Passers-by who saw the body informed the police.

"The woman must have been murdered elsewhere. We are checking CCTV footage from the vicinity. The incident must have happened in the early hours of Saturday. The accused have used dried branches of roadside trees to burn the body," said a police officer.

The Bannerghatta police, who have registered a case of murder, are checking if any missing complaint has been registered.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, KGF

No.APMC/KGF/05/2026-27 DATE: 28.04.2026

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-2)

Competitive E-Tenders are invited as per KW-4 through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from eligible Class-I PWD Civil Contractors for the work " Providing infrastrucuture facilities at main market yard of APMC KGF" approved under RIDF-31 Scheme for the year 2025-26. Estimated Amount Rs.806.41 Lakhs (Exculding GST), E.M.D:Rs.12.10 Lakhs, Period of completion : 11Months, **Last Date for Submission: 14.05.2026 up to 5.30 PM.** For details contact Secretary, APMC,KGF,**office 9900326365/ 9916784767/08153-255291**

Sd/- (T.S. Ravikumar) Secretary (I/C) APMC, KGF

Sd/- (B.V.Vijayaraghavareddy) Chairman APMC, KGF

DIPR/KOLAR/RO:56/KSMCA/2026-27

STATE BANK OF INDIA
HOME LOAN CENTRE, Bengaluru Central
Lady Curzon Road, Bengaluru-560001
Contact No: 9448053481, Email Id: sbi.63988@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix IV (Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

A/c No: HTL-37972946775, Term Loan -38034173462

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **31.12.2025** and calling upon **Borrower : Sri. Naveen Kumar I.T** S/o I.V. Thukaram Rao No.565/C, Behind Nisarga Convent, Near Hanuman Industries, Nittualli New Extension, Davangere-577004 **And also at: i)** Flat No.S-04, Silicon Indraprastha, 2nd Floor, Halagevaderanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-560060. **ii)** D.No.151, Owner - K Ramegowda, 10th Cross, Nagpura, Mahalakshmi Layout, Behind Shanimahatma Temple, Bangalore-560086. **iii)** Sri. Naveen Kumar I.T Baxter Healthcare 10th Floor, Crescent – 1, Prestige Shantiniketan Campus, Whitefield, Bangalore-560048 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs. 34,70,698/-** (Rupees Thirty four lakhs seventy thousand six hundred and ninety eight only) as on 29.12.2025 + interest from 30.12.2025 + incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/mortgager(s) having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/mortgager(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **29.04.2026**

The borrower(s)/mortgager(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs. 35,50,298/-** (Rupees Thirty five lakhs fifty thousand two hundred and ninety eight only) as on 26.04.2026 and interest + expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE PROPERTY (Description of the Entire Property)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.1192/2/242/3/2, carved out of residentially converted land bearing Survey No.242/3 (old No.242/2), situated at Halagevaderanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, Bangalore Now, within the extended limits of BBMP measuring 14682 Sq.Ft., and **bounded on : East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** Property of Smt. Ramakka.

Schedule "A" Property : (Description of the Property Developed) : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.1192/2/242/3/2, carved out of residentially converted land bearing Survey No.242/3 (old No.242/2), situated at Halagevaderanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalor South Taluk, Bangalore Now, within the extended limits of BBMP measuring East to West :120 Ft., and North to South : 75 Ft., in all measuring 9000 Sq.Ft., **East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Remaining portion of the same property retained by Sri.R.Krishnappa, **South by :** Property of Smt.Ramakka.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY (Description of the Flat and undivided share over Schedule "B" Property) : An undivided 303.339 Sq.ft., of share in the land comprised in the Schedule "A" Property and Flat bearing No.S-4 in Second Floor of the Residential Apartment Building known as "SILICON INDRAPRASTHA", constructed over Schedule "A".

Property with a super built up area of 1090 Square Feet (inclusive of Carpet Area 872 Square Feet proportionate share in balconies, common areas attributable thereto a share in the area of the club house and limited access to the terrace area i.e., from the lift room to the water tank for the purpose of repairs with One Car Parking Space and the flat is held in the name of **"Sri.Naveen Kumar I.T S/o I.V. Thukaram Rao".**

Absolute Sale Deed is registered on 25.10.2018 in favour of **"Sri.Naveen Kumar I.T S/o I.V. Thukaram Rao"** in the office of Senior SRO Bommanahalli (Jayanagara), Bangalore in Book No.1 under Document No. BMH-1-06063/2018-19 and stored in C D No. BMHD806 dated 25.10.2018.

Date : 29.04.2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer and Chief Manager
State Bank of India, Home Loan Centre, Bengaluru Central, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Smt. Savithramma Sirigi Reddy Buchi Reddy W/o Sri. Samba Siva Reddy Sirigi Reddy Buchi Reddy, is intending to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule herein from its owner, Smt. R. Lakshmi Devi represented by her GPA holder Smt. Latha Raju. The owner represents and warrants that she is the absolute owner of the schedule property and she has neither conveyed nor has entered into any agreement of sale/development agreement /memorandum of understanding nor any sort of arrangement with any person/s for sale / transfer/ development of the schedule property. The owner further represents that she has not encumbered, mortgaged or created any charge or lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from her there are no other person/s, firm or company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having objections or claim/s, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s or claim/s **within 15(fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned failing which, my clients shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the MIDDLE PORTION of the residential vacant site bearing katha No. 415/32/3, carved out of the converted land bearing Sy. No. 32/3, situated at Konappana Agrahara village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, Bangalore, coming under the purview of the Konappana Agrahara Grama Panchayath, measuring East to West 36ft., and North to south 27ft., in totally measuring 972 Sq.Ft., the land bearing Sy. No. 32/3 is converted from agricultural to Non agricultural High-tech as per the order issued by the special Deputy commissioner Bangalore, District Bangalore vide No. ALN.SRIS B170/2008-09, dated 25/05/2009 easements rights and appurtenances attached therewith and bounded on

East By: Ooru Baagilu Narayana Reddy's property, **West By:** Road, **North By** : Remaining portion property No. 415/32/3, **South By :** Remaining portion property No. 415/32/3.

ANUPAMA .M.V, ADVOCATE
No. G-5, Gokula Residency, Govinda Shetty, Palya Road, Konappana Agrahara, Electronic City Post, Bangalore-560100.

Karnataka State
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division, Shimoga

No.EE/PWD/Smg/AE-1/IFT-05/2026-27 Dtd: 30-04-2026

Short Term Tender Notification -2 Cover system

Tender invited thro' E-Procurement version-2 kppp.karnataka.gov.in for the below Indents by PWD Class- 3 & 4 above Contractors For needful information please contact Office P.No. 08182-274942 and Helpdesk Ph Nos. 080-25501216/ 080-25501227)

Tender documents down loading & submission dates:04-05-2026 to 11-05-2026

5054-80-190-0-01-132 KRDCL-Capital Expenditure

Reserved for SC:

1. Shikaripura Taluk 1 Work (Indent No: 35905)

Category-2A : 2. Shikaripura Taluk 1 Work (Indent No:35907)

All Contractors : 3. Shikaripura Taluk 3 Work (Indent No: 35904, 35906 & 35903)

Tender documents down loading & submission dates :

Periods to complete the work is up to: 09 Months (Including Mansoon) If there any changes in published tenders it will be publishing in E-Procurement version-2 kppp.karnataka.gov.in Website only

Sd/- EE, PW Dept Division, Shimoga

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PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Anuraj Bhargavan Mani/ LBBNG00007342020/ TBBNG00007340257	As Described In The Loan Document/Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Vacant Property Bearing Site No. 30, Katha No.1185, old Property No.604/30, Then Property No.604/1185/30, Presently New Property No.1185/163/1-30, Sl. No. 4062, New PID No.192-W0600-18/1, Formed In Converted Land Bearing SY. No.163/1, Vide Conversion Order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)317/91 92, Dated 13-08-1992, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner (revenue), Bangalore District, Bangalore, Duly Converted From Agricultural To Non-Agricultural Residential Purposes, Situated At Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Jurisdiction Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.192, Vide Katha No. 1865/30, New-E-Pid No.6676015434, Bangalore, Measuring East To West: 50-0 [fifty] Feet And North To South: 40-0 [forty] Feet, Totally Measuring 2000 Square Feet, Together With All Rights, Appurtenances, Whatsoever Underneath or Above The Surface And Bounded on The: North: Road. South: Site No.31. East: Road. West: Private Property/ Date of Physical Possession on/28/04/2026.	11.12.2025/ Rs. 2,32,38,375.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: May 03, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
HOME LOAN CENTRE, SHANKARPURAM (64063)
No. 13/1, 3rd Floor, Bull Temple Road, Opp. Sri. Ramakrishna Mutt, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004.
Ph : 080 25943006/007, Email Id: support.shankarpuram@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT ')

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers cum legal heirs **1) Sri.S.Subramanian Sundaram Pillai S/o Late Sundaram Pillai, 2) Sri.S.Gangadharan Subramanian Pillai S/o Sri.S.Subramanian Sundaram Pillai** have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them and guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and Address of the Borrower's cum legal heirs: 1) Sri.S.Subramanian Sundaram Pillai S/o Late Sundaram Pillai, **2) Sri.S.Gangadharan Subramanian Pillai** S/o Sri.S.Subramanian Sundaram Pillai, **Both are residing at :** No.10, Sri Nilaya, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Naidu Layout, Jaragenahalli, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **And also at : i)** Site No.99, Old Khatha No.239, now BBMP Khatha No.131/99/100, Rural Housing Cell, Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560078. **ii)** No.18, Kamakshi Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Rajiv Gandhi Road, Jaraganahalli, Near Rose Garden, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **ii) Sri.S.Subramanian Sundaram Pillai,** K.R Engineering Works, 26/5, Jaraganahalli, Rajiv Gandhi Road, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560078. **iii) Sri.S.Gangadharan Subramanian Pillai,** K.R Engineering Works, 26/5, Jaraganahalli, Rajiv Gandhi Road, Kanakapua Main Road, Bangalore-560078.

1) Account No's. : HTL - 31137810192

Demand Notice: 08.04.2026 **NPA Date : 28.02.2026**

Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice) : 11,25,335/- (Rupees Eleven lakhs twenty five thousand three hundred and thirty five only) as on 05.04.2026 and you are also liable to pay future interest from 06.04.2026 at contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the residential House Property constructed on Site No.99, Old Khatha No.239, now BBMP Khatha No.131/99/100, in the layout formed by the Rural Housing Cell, situated at Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, earlier coming within the limits of CMC Rajarajeshwarinagar, now coming within the limits of CMC Rajarajeshwarinagar, now coming withtin the limits of BBMP, Subramanyapura Range Bangalore, measuring East to West 43 Feets and North to South 30 Feets in all 1290 Sq.Feets consisting of 4 Squares Old A.C. Sheet roofed house constructed in the year 1970 and **bounded on the : East by :** Property No.102/B, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property No.98, **South by :** Property No.100.

The said house was constructed with mud wall, A C Sheet roofed, red-oxide flooring with jungle wood in the year 1970 having electricity connection only and the property is held in the name of **"Sri.S.Subramanian S/o Late P Sundaram Pillai, Late S.Bhodhini W/o Sri.S.Subramanian and Sri.S.Gangadharan S/o Sri.S.Subramanian".**

Sale Deed is registered on 02.06.2007 in favour of **"Sri.S.Subramanian S/o Late P Sundaram Pillai, Late S.Bhodhini W/o Sri.S.Subramanian and Sri.S.Gangadharan S/o Sri.S.Subramanian"** in the office of Senior SRO Banashankari, Bangalore in Book No.1 under Document No. BSK-1-01348/2007-08 and Stored in C.D No. BSKD4 dated 02.06.2007.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower /Guarantors/mortgagors are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers/guarantors/ mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 08.04.2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India
Home Loan Centre Shankarapuram, Bengaluru

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ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ವಿಷಯ :– ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಅಭಿಯಾನ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2026–2027 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ವಿವಿಧ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಚಾಲಕ ಸಹಿತ ಹಳದಿ ಬೋರ್ಡ್‌ನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಚಕ್ರದ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ಒಂದೇ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಹೊರ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ :– 1. ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ವಾಹನ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕಡತ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : NHM/RCHO/Vehicle Tender/02/2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 06.04.2026 ರ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಂತೆ. (2) ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಆರ್.ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಕೆ ರವರ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎನ್.ಹೆಚ್.ಎಂ/ಆರ್.ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಕೆ/04/2024–2025 ದಿ:13.06.2024 ರಂತೆ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಅಭಿಯಾನ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮತ್ತು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಟ್ಟದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಆರ್.ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಿಗೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ 13 ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ 06 ರಂತೆ, ಒಟ್ಟು 19 ನಾಲ್ಕು ಚಕ್ರದ ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕ ಸಹಿತ ಹಳದಿ ಬೋರ್ಡ್‌ನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಚಕ್ರದ ವಾಹನ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒಂದೇ ಹೊರಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1999ರ ನಿಯಮಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ರೂಲ್ 2000 ದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. (13 ವಾಹನಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ವಾಹನಕ್ಕೆ ರೂ.35000/–, 05 ವಾಹನಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ವಾಹನಕ್ಕೆ ರೂ.40000/–, 01 ವಾಹನಕ್ಕೆ ರೂ.30000/–) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಒಟ್ಟು ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.82,20,000/– (ಎಂಬತ್ತ ಎರಡು ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಗಳ) ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.2,10,000/– ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವಿಳಾಸ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಸೂಕ್ತ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು. ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಷರತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. (1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 29.04.2026. (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ : ರೂ. 82,50,000/–. (3) ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ : ರೂ. 2,10,000/–. (4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕ (Web Portal) : 29.04.2026 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ: 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯಿಂದ. (5) ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳ ಸಲ್ಲಿಕೆಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : 13.05.2026 ಸಂಜೆ: 05.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಸೂಚನೆ : (1) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆಯನ್ನು ತೆರೆದ ನಂತರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆಯನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. (2) ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು, ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. (3) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಹಾಗೂ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಘ,
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Union Minister and senior BJP leader Pralhad Joshi on Saturday said that the Congress is nowhere to be seen in the five-state elections whose results are scheduled to be announced on Monday, asserting that people have assessed the standing of Rahul Gandhi's party

Transport unions call for indefinite stir from May 20

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation on Saturday declared an indefinite strike from May 20 if the state government fails to fulfil their demands. If the strike is launched, it will affect lakhs of people who depend on state-run buses for their travel. The JAC, led by the AITUC affiliated KSRTC Staff and Workers' Federation, with the support of five other unions, had launched an indefinite strike on August 5 last year, after the meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah ended in a stalemate. They temporarily suspended their strike after a rap from the Karnataka High Court. Now, after the failure of negotiations relating to pay hike and arrears, the JAC announced the strike.

On April 29, JAC issued a strike notice to the CM. JAC said their main demands are 25% pay hike with effect from January 1, 2024, settlement of salary arrears for 38 months, scientific revision of Form 4 (which assigns timings for each bus route), an increase in daily allowance and others.

TAKING STOCK

ENSURE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY ISN'T AFFECTED: CM TO OFFICIALS

Says there is possibility of 5% dip in rain this yr, asks babus to constantly monitor situation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said there is a possibility of a 5% decrease in rainfall this year and directed the district in-charge secretaries to constantly monitor the situation to ensure that drinking water supply is not affected for any reason.

During a meeting of additional chief secretaries, principal secretaries, and secretaries of all departments, the CM directed the district in-charge secretaries to hold meetings with Deputy Commissioners and Chief Executive Officers of zilla panchayats to monitor the situation and take appropriate measures. It is the responsibility of the respective secretaries to resolve the problems of the districts under their jurisdiction, he said.

Siddaramaiah said implementing budget announcements is the responsibility of officials. Fifteen announcements of last year's budget have not been implemented yet, he said, and asked the officials, "Who is responsible for this?"

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chairs a progress review meeting with officials in Bengaluru on Saturday. Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh and CM's economic advisor Basavaraj Rayareddy are seen

The government has made a total of 565 announcements in this year's budget, including 218 new announcements, and it is the responsibility of the officials to implement all the announcements of the budget in the same year, he said. "Practical difficulties in implementation should be brought directly to my attention or the Chief Secretary," the CM told the officers, adding that out of the announcements in the 2026-27 budget, government orders have been issued for only five announcements. All government orders should be implemented, and execution should begin by May, the CM said, and warned that the respective secretaries will be held responsible. The CM said bringing a good name to the government depends on the work of the secretaries, and they should express their opinions fearlessly, independently, and truthfully. They should give suggestions to ministers within the scope of the law, and the administration should be made more agile, he said.

Siddaramaiah said the Finance Department has approved the filling of 24,300 posts and senior officers must to take steps to fill vacant sanctioned posts. There are 32,132 posts pending in cadres related to Kalyana Karnataka, and the recruitment process has not yet begun, he said, and added that the revision of cadre and recruitment rules is pending in some departments and should be completed at the earliest.

Cong concerned about the drift in minority votes?

AMID persistent speculation over leadership change and cabinet reshuffle, all eyes are on the Congress central leadership. It is hard-pressed to end the uncertainty, one way or another, especially once the dust settles after the assembly election results on May 4. In the midst of that strategic political manoeuvring, the party's leaders in the state anxiously await the bypoll results, especially in the Davanagere South Assembly segment, which has sent tremors through the party's echelons, particularly concerning its core support base -- the minority community.

Rarely do byelections in one or two constituencies disturb the sleep of the ruling party, which enjoys a massive majority with 134 legislators in the 224-member state assembly. More than the outcome of the polls, a shift in even a section of minority voters may signal an impending crisis, with implications far beyond the assembly segment.

Normally, the ruling parties have an advantage in the bypolls. While that would be known by Monday afternoon, senior Congress leaders, who have worked extensively in Davanagere, admit to possible drift in some minority votes. The voting pattern in the Central Karnataka constituency, with a significant number of minority voters, would be closely analysed by the parties, especially Congress.

Given the gravity of the situation, Congress took a slew of measures after the voting on April 9, without waiting for the May 4 results. The party MLC Abdul Jabbar, who was accused of anti-party activities, resigned as the chairman of the KPCC Minority Cell, and was suspended from the party's primary membership. The Minority Cell formed under his leadership was also dissolved with immediate effect. Action was taken against some local leaders in Davanagere. Not just that, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah sacked MLC Naseer Ahmed as his political secretary. Housing, Waqf and Minority Affairs Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan's role in the bypolls also came under the scanner, although no action was taken against him.

Apparently, the measures were taken based on reports from the party leaders, and the CM also got information from the Intelligence Wing of the Police Department about leaders engaging in anti-party activities. Some Congress leaders were even accused of working for SDPI and Independent candidates.

"... It is only one assembly constituency. The government is not going to fall, but party discipline is very important. There was no need to wait for results to take action. Some minority votes may have moved away, but we will definitely win. Results will be analysed in detail to understand the voting pattern and take appropriate measures ahead of the 2028 assembly polls," said a senior Congress leader in the know of developments.

Although Congress leaders in the state insist that the minorities will always vote for Congress, as it is the only party that can counter the BJP and stop it from coming to power, that belief could be shaken even if a small section of minority voters in Davanagere sways away from the Grand Old Party. While this may not make a significant difference to election results, it could signal that Congress is not the only option for the community when there is an alternative, especially if the party fails to take them into confidence. In Davanagere, Congress candidate Samarth Shamanur is banking on the consolidation of Lingayat and Kuruba community votes, as well as support from the minority community. Though a small section of minority voters may have drifted away, the SDPI is not seen as a credible alternative to Congress.

Some leaders in the community feel that Congress took the Muslim community, which favoured them in every election, for granted. They even warned that if the party fails to take corrective measures, the community would respond accordingly during the elections. In Karnataka, Congress and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah enjoy the full backing of the community, especially after Janata Dal (Secular) joined the NDA. Prior to JDS joining hands with the BJP, a section of minority voters backed the regional party. In the aftermath of the developments during the Davanagere bypoll, the JDS would try to woo the minorities, while other smaller parties could attempt to dent what Congress considers its strong support base.

For now, the focus is on the outcome of the fiercely fought elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Kerala, which would have implications for national politics. In Karnataka, the spotlight is also on the counting of votes on Monday, as Congress and BJP are confident of doing well. Unlike other elections, these bypolls are not just about the results but also about the voting pattern among minorities and how voters in the two constituencies responded to the issues raised by the government and the opposition. A clearer picture will emerge after the results on Monday.

Ahead of May 9 rally in Chitradurga to felicitate former CM BS Yediyurappa, BJP national general secretary (organisation) BL Santhosh met the former over breakfast in Bengaluru on Saturday. The two leaders discussed the current political developments in the state. Considered rivals in the past, the duo patched up sometime back after Yediyurappa's son BY Vijayendra became party's state president. "Dear Shri @blsanthosh Ji, as the National General Secretary (Organization) of the BJP, you are managing the party's organization across the country with utmost efficiency. Today, you visited our home with warmth and joined me for breakfast. You expressed confidence that in the upcoming Assembly elections in the five states, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP will achieve a historic victory," the former CM posted on 'X'

Cong's Vinay Kulkarni disqualified as MLA, Dharwad seat vacant

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THE Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Saturday issued a notification disqualifying Congress MLA **Vinay Kulkarni** following his conviction in the murder case of BJP leader Yogesh Gowda. Kulkarni is currently in prison, serving life imprisonment in the case.

"Consequent upon conviction of Vinay Kulkarni, MLA representing the Dharwad constituency, by the LXXXI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengaluru City (CCH-82), he stands disqualified from the membership of Karnataka Legislative Assembly from the date of conviction, April.15, 2026 in terms of the provisions of article 191(1)(e) of the Constitution of India read with Section 8 of the Representation of the People's Act, 1951 and such disqualification shall continue for a further period of six years since his release, unless the conviction is stayed by a competent Court," read the notification issued by Karnataka Assembly secretary MK Vishalakshi. Hence, on seat has fallen vacant in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, the notification added.

This has come as a big setback for the Congress leader as he cannot contest any elections for six years after serving the life sentence. Unless he gets the stay from the higher court, he remains disqualified and the Election Commission of India will notify bypolls within six months from the date of his conviction.

Judge Santhosh Gajanan Bhat had sentenced Kulkarni and 16 others in the 2016 murder case of the BJP leader Yogesh Gowda and imposed a fine of Rs 30,000 each. Yogesh Gowda, then a BJP zilla panchayat member, was hacked to death at the gym he was running in Dharwad on June 15, 2016. The jurisdictional police handled the case and had dropped the name of Kulkarni, the then district in-charge minister, in the chargesheet. The BJP had fought against the state government as the investigation was not fair in the case and eventually got it transferred to the CBI in 2019 when BS Yediyurappa was the CM.

The CBI had arrested Kulkarni on November 5, 2020, naming him as the key conspirator in the murder.

Six acquitted in KPSC selection case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A city court has acquitted six persons, including Karnataka Public Service Commission's (KPSC) former chairman Dr HN Krishna, accused of committing irregularities in the selection of candidates for the post of Gazetted Probationers in 1998–99.

In the judgment on April 30, the I Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru, has held that the prosecution has failed to prove the charges against the accused, and acquitted them of all the charges. The CID had filed a chargesheet in Case No. 8400/2012, in which it accused Dr Krishna of misusing his power in the selection of candidates for Gazetted Probationers' posts in 1998–99. CID, in its chargesheet, accused Dr Krishna of conspiring to choose two candidates – Asha Parveen and Salma Firdosh – for the KAS posts on the basis of fake documents. It also accused KPSC employees K Narasimha, P Gopi Krishna and MB Banakar of colluding with the chairman in the act.

The court said the prosecution could not prove any of its charges against the accused.

Govt sets up House panel to look into KPSC irregularities

The State Government set up a House Committee of Assembly comprising all-party MLAs headed by MLA RV Deshpande to submit a report with recommendations to prevent irregularities in KPSC and to bring about further reforms in it. The committee comprises MLAs Hampanagouda Badarli, H C Balakrishna, Ponnanna AS, KM Shivalingegowda, Raghavendra Basavaraja Hitnal K, Rupakala M, Araga Gyanendra, S Suresh Kumar, Mahesh Tenginakai, and MT Krishnappa. The panrl has been given three months time.

EXPRESS READ

Retired IAS officer Sathyavathi is new CIC

BENGALURU: Retired IAS officer Sathyavathi G has been appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), Karnataka State Chief Information Commission, on Saturday. Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot appointed Sathyavathi as the Chief Information Commissioner. A high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and attended by Leader of Opposition in the Assembly and senior BJP leader R Ashoka and Chief Secretary had on Tuesday taken the decision to appoint her as Chief Information Commissioner. **ENS**

Govt appoints Thigala corpn chief

BENGALURU: The State Government on Saturday appointed LA Manjunath from Kolar as the Chairman of the Karnataka Thigala Communities Development Corporation Limited. Thigalas are backward classes predominant in Kolar, Bengaluru and Tumakuru districts and considered as the traditional voters of Bharatiya Janata Party and Janata Dal (Secular) for sometime. In 2023, the Bommai-led BJP government had set up the corporation. **ENS**

Cong claims victory in Sringeri after recounting

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THE recounting of votes in Sringeri Assembly constituency on Saturday left the supporters of the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party on tenterhooks.

The repolling was necessitated as per the High Court order after the losing BJP candidate DN Jeevaraj alleged irregularity in counting of postal ballots in the election held in 2023. Out of 1,822 total postal ballots, 279 votes were rejected.

The Congress candidate had won by 201 votes.

The recounting began at 8 am on Saturday in the presence of election officer Gaurav Shetty, observer Kiran and both the candidates.

When the strong room was opened, the Congress candidate TD Raje Gowda and his polling agent, Sudheerkumar Murolli, alleged that locks and seals of some ballot boxes have been tampered with.

They appealed to the election officer not to go ahead with the recounting but he ruled it out.

The recounting of postal ballots began at 10 am in the IDSG First Grade College.

In the meantime, the Congress supporters began to celebrate claiming that Gowda won by 203 votes after recounting. Gowda, however, appealed to his supporters to maintain peace.

Informed sources, however, said that the recounting was not over.

Congress supporters blocked Kadur Mangaluru Road in front of the IDSG College saying the BJP supporters were allowed near the main gate. On the other hand, the BJP workers blocked the road alleging stoppage of counting.

Dr G MEETS HARIPRASAD, SAYS NO LEADERSHIP ISSUE DISCUSSED

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EVEN as All-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge has clarified that the party high command has not taken any decision on change in leadership in Karnataka, the Siddaramaiah camp is continuing its efforts to project the state's Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara as the next CM.

Senior Congress MLC BK Hariprasad, a permanent invitee of the Congress Working Committee and who is said to be close to Congress Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi, seems to have entered the scene.

After meeting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday evening, Hariprasad held separate confabulations with Parameshwara and asked the latter to be ready to throw his hat into the ring for the CM's post if the party top brass decides to change the leadership, sources told The New Sunday Express.

Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan, another close confidant of Siddaramaiah, was also present in the meeting that lasted over 90 minutes.

They chalked out a plan to pitch Parameshwara for the top post under the Dalit quota if the option of making Kharge CM and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar staking claim is ruled out.

Hariprasad has information that Kharge is hesitating to take up the Chief Minister post for various reasons, sources said.

Dr G Parameshwara

BK Hariprasad

Parameshwara, however, on Saturday said that the discussion among the trio revolved around the outcome of the West Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu Assembly polls with a little bit of Karnataka politics.

"We had a good meal together. Naturally, since we are politicians, we had to discuss politics. There is nothing to hide. Since election results will be declared on Monday, we analysed the situation. We discussed what is happening in West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and the status of our party there. We did not discuss state politics much," he told reporters.

On internal quota for SCs, he said the entire political dynamics has changed in Karnataka and Congress is assessing how things pan out.

"For the past 25 years, we have adhered to a specific ideology. Initially, the Congress included all major, minor, and backward communities. But when the Ahinda movement began, the entire dynamics changed. We are seeing developments regarding internal reservations for SC communities and adjustments in ST percentages. Many things are currently unfolding in Karnataka, and we will see what happens next," he added.

In a major relief to taxpayers, the state government has extended the deadline to avail a 5% rebate on full payment of property tax for the financial year 2026–27. As per an order issued by the Urban Development Department, the concession will now be available till May 31

ILI breakout likely after bird flu case, alerts health dept

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The Health Department has issued a public advisory after avian influenza (H5N1) was confirmed in samples collected from dead peacocks at Kolihalli, Bairasandra, Hullenahalli and Timmegoudanpalya villages of Tumakuru district. The virus was confirmed by ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal, on April 29.

Avian influenza is a zoonotic viral disease that primarily affects poultry and may occasionally spill over to mammals, including humans and swine. The H5N1 subtype is the most common strain of bird flu and can cause severe respiratory illness in humans, with symptoms ranging from mild to severe, the advisory stated.

Following the confirmation, the State and District Rapid Response Teams convened an inter-sectoral coordination meeting chaired by the Tumakuru deputy commissioner to review the situation and initiate containment and surveillance measures. An infected zone of 0–3 km and a surveillance zone of 3–10 km have been established. Surveillance for fever, Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) will be conducted over the next 10 days across 38 villages, covering a population of 20,432.

The public has been advised to avoid contact with sick or dead birds, wash hands frequently with soap and water, use personal protective equipment while handling birds or droppings, cook poultry and eggs thoroughly, and avoid close contact with people showing respiratory symptoms. The department said the situation is being closely monitored and urged the public to follow official advisories and avoid spreading unverified information.

Environment and Ecology Minister Eshwar B Khandre directed all zoos and bird sanctuaries to remain on alert. He said samples from peacocks that died in Tumakuru district were sent to laboratories in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, which confirmed the H5N1 infection. As per directions from the Centre, all zoos, bird sanctuaries and forest areas with healthy bird populations have been asked to exercise caution, with special focus on Magadi Lake and Kokkarebellur Community Reserve.

Officials have been instructed to collect samples from all dead or ailing birds for immediate testing. Deaths of native and migratory birds must be reported, and special nodal officers will be appointed wherever required, the minister said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah in conversation with actor Rishab Shetty | PIC: X

Shah lauds Rishab's films for showcasing Indian culture

BENGALURU: Actor-director Rishab Shetty met Union Home Minister Amit Shah, on Saturday, who appreciated the way the actor presented Indian civilisation and culture with sensitivity and depth through his films. Shah said Shetty's work is "genuinely admirable" and leaves a lasting impact. Shetty said the meeting was one of the most memorable moments of his career. He noted that the Home Minister appreciated both *Kantara* and *Kantara Chapter 1*, which received widespread acclaim and box-office success for their depiction of Karnataka's local deities and traditions. "I also had a wonderful time discussing my upcoming projects with him. I was truly happy when he began sharing his in-depth knowledge and understanding of our history, culture, art and filmmaking," Shetty said. Shah expressed confidence that Shetty would continue to inspire audiences through his future works. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

HOMESTAY OWNER GETS BAIL IN KODAGU SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

MADIKERI: THE owner of the homestay in Kodagu, where a US National woman was sexually assaulted, has been released on bail. The order was passed on Saturday following the hearing by the II Additional District and Sessions Judge, sitting at Virajpet. Vishal alias PA Ponnappa, the owner of the Devi Villa Homestay in Kutta of Kodagu, was released on bail on Saturday. Vishal was arrested on the charges of trying to suppress the sexual assault on the victim woman from the USA at his homestay. The sexual assault was allegedly carried out by the homestay cook and caretaker, who is a native of Jharkhand.

Nine booked for social boycott of family in B'gavi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

THE Hirebagewadi police have registered a case against nine persons for allegedly imposing a social boycott on a family in Kondusakoppa village of Belagavi taluk. *TNIE* carried a story on the plight of the victims of social boycott who had to leave their village unable to bear the torture from the accused. The action follows a complaint lodged by Renuka Sambarekar, who alleged that members of the village panchayat enforced an informal diktat against the family of Narasoba Sambarekar over personal differences and a dispute related to temple rituals.

EXPRESS IMPACT

According to the complaint, the accused allegedly instructed villagers not to maintain any form of contact with the Sambarekar family. It is further alleged that the panchayat warned of a fine of ₹5,000 on anyone found speaking to or associating with the family. In a more coercive measure, the accused are also said to have announced a reward of ₹1,000 for the informants

The complaint names nine individuals, Mallappa Sambarekar, Vitthal Sambarekar, Baganna Sambarekar, Ramesh Sambarekar, Malinga Sambarekar, Gangappa Sambarekar, Vaiju Sambarekar, Piraji Sambarekar and Yallappa Sambarekar, as being responsible for enforcing the social boycott.

The police sources said the complaint was initially submitted on April 6, following which a preliminary inquiry was conducted. Based on the findings, a formal case has now been registered at the Hirebagewadi police station under relevant sections pertaining to unlawful intimidation and social ostracism. Officials indicated that statements of the complainant and other villagers are being recorded to ascertain the extent of enforcement of the boycott and the role of each accused. Further legal action will be taken based on the course of the investigation.

Ilahi: No country gives women freedom more than Iran

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"THIS is not a war between countries; whether it is between Iran and the US or Iran and the Zionist regime. They knew that the world would have to bear the cost of the war, yet they attacked Iran to distract world attention from the Jeffrey Epstein files. They assassinated our Supreme Leader and other top leaders, 170 innocent girls of Minab school and hundreds of civilians. The late Ayatollah did not hide in safe places or bunkers. He had said his security should be no different from the over 90 million Iranians. We believe in shahadat (martyrdom)," Dr Ilahi explained.

On the war, he said the world is reeling under the 60-day war. "Iran has survived US sanctions for 47 years. People are leading normal lives there despite economic challenges," he added. On 'weaponsing' the Strait of Hormuz, Dr Ilahi said the strategic waterway through which 20% of global shipment passes, "was open for thousands of years until the enemies came from 7,00 miles and initiated the war". Countering rumours around the health of the present Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei and the conflict in Iranian leadership, the top Iranian cleric said there was no truth in either statements. "These are planted in the news for obvious reasons," he added.

On the reported and widely criticised executions of civilians, who took part in the January protest, Dr Ilahi said, "Less than 10 people have been executed since January. These are people who had killed people, children, police, torched mosques, libraries etc. The Bazaar had played a major role in protesting against the severe economic crisis. There was no problem with the protest, but it was found that some protestors were trained by Israel and supported with the latest weapons. As per the Iranian law, there is capital punishment for those who kill innocent people intentionally," he said.

On women's freedom in Iran, Dr Ilahi said that in "no other country do women enjoy as much freedom as in Iran. Girls make up for more than 60% of our student population".

On India-Iran ties, Dr Ilahi said the two countries share strong civilisational ties, which will expand and get stronger. "The Indian PM spoke to the Iranian President and so did the External Affairs Minister, with his Iranian counterpart. The talks were very successful. The Indian flagged ships were allowed to pass (through the Strait of Hormuz)," he added.

PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that my client, **Mrs. Nazima Taj**, resident of Bengaluru, intends to purchase the immovable residential property described in the **Schedule** below.

Any person(s) having any claim, right, title, or interest in, upon, or over the said property by way of sale, mortgage, charge, gift, lease, lien, inheritance, trust, possession, easement, or any other encumbrance or agreement whatsoever, are hereby called upon to make the same known in writing, supported by documentary evidence, to the undersigned at the address mentioned below within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this publication. Notice is also given that my client has already affixed a banner on the property calling for any such objections if any.

If no such claims or objections are received within the stipulated period of 15 days, it shall be deemed that no such claims exist, or that such claims have been waived. My client will thereafter proceed with the purchase of the property, and any claims made after the expiry of the notice period will not be entertained or binding upon my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing **Survey No. 177/2**, measuring **774 Sq. ft.**, situated at Site No. # 5/1, 4th Cross, Kacharkanhalli Village, Yaseen Nagar, Nehru Colony, Bangalore, and bounded as follows:

North: Road, **South:** Sadiq and Mehar Taj Property **West:** Santosh Kumar Property **East:** Sherin taj and Abrar property.

Mohammed Moin Ulla & Mohammed Saad, Lex Reign,
Advocates & Solicitors, No.49, T1, 3rd Floor, Kodichikkanahalli, Bengaluru-560068.
Mobile: 9916080716.
E-Mail: lexreign14@gmail.com.
Date: 3rd May 2026, **Place:** Bengaluru

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ
ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇಂ./ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿ.ಕಾ/ಪಿ.ಬಿ–1/ಟೆಂಡರ–01/2026–27/392 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29–04–2026

ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್)

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(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 13–05–2026 16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 14–05–2026 16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (3) ಟೆಂಡರನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 15–05–2026 17.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ (4) ಟೆಂಡರನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 18–05–2026 17.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: **Mitigation- 8443-Deposite Contribution During 2025-26** ವರ್ಕ ಇನಡೆಂಟ್ **(1) PWD/2025-26/FP/WORK_INDENT 33701 (2) PWD/2025-26/FP/WORK_INDENT34502** (ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ–4) ರಲ್ಲಿನ ನಿಭಂದನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ e-proc ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾದ ನಿಭಂದನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದರೆ **"https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in"** ನೋಡಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ **help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227)** ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
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DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/97/26-27 dt. 30.04.2026

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
E-TENDER Notice No. ERS-SG-CN-2026-OT-03
E-TENDER Notice No. ERS-SG-CN-2026-OT-04

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Dy.Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam, II Floor, Eastern Entry, Ernakulam Junction, Karshaka Road, Kochi - 682 012 invites e-tenders for the following work:

Item No.	Name of the work
1.	Provision of Indoor and outdoor Signalling & Telecommunication arrangements at Thiruvananthapuram Central station, Signalling and interlocking arrangements at LC gates and Indoor and outdoor Signalling & Telecommunication alterations at Thiruvananthapuram South station to suit Twin single line between Thiruvananthapuram Central and Thiruvananthapuram South stations in connection with doubling of track between Thiruvananthapuram Central & Kanniyakumari stations. (Double packet system)
2.	Re-routing of S&T cables and shifting of S&T assets in Shoranur Jn.- Vallathol Nagar section to facilitate Engineering works in connection with patch doubling of track between Shoranur Jn. - Vallathol Nagar stations. (Single Packet system)

Approximate Cost of Work (₹)	Bid s Security (₹)	Last Date of e-submission of Tender / Date of Opening of the Tender	Period of Completion (Months)
34,16,00,479.19	68,32,000.00	21/05/2026 / 15.00 hrs	6 (Six) Months
3,35,52,862.24	6,71,100.00	21/05/2026 / 15.00 hrs	6 (Six) Months

Note: 1. Value of tender inclusive of GST as per GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time for the supply and services by the tenderer.
2. Visit **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed terms and conditions and corrigendum if any.

Dy.Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Ernakulam Junction - 682 016

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NIT No.15/OMC/CIVIL/2026

Tender for the following works is invited on-line through e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha

Sl. No	Name of the work	Estimated cost (In lakh)	Time period of the work (in month)	Class of Contractor	EMD online (In Rupees)	Cost of Bid document (Rs.)
1	Integrated Tourism Development of Raghurajpur in the district of Puri (Retender)	1396.23	16 (Sixteen)	A & Special	13,96,230/-	10,000/- +18% GST

1. Availability of Bid document in Govt. portal from **dt.04.05.2026 to dt.18.05.2026 up to 5.00 PM.**
2. Last date of on-line submission of tender in the portal is **dt.18.05.2026 up to 5.00 PM.**
3. Date of opening of Technical Bid is **dt.19.05.2026 at 11.00 AM.**

All other details can be seen from bid documents available at Govt. web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 22.05.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.30 AM), for recovery of Rs. 1,16,96,369.50 (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Nine and Paise Fifty Only) as on 01.05.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Mr. Vishwanath Marakatti** S/o Krishnappa, No. 14K, 127/4, Sri Ranga Shankara, 1st Floor, 5th A Main Road, NRI Layout, Dooravani Nagar, Kalkeri Village Main Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **21.05.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	**Schedule "A" Property: Item No.1 :** All that piece and parcel of the Residential House list No.20, Old Khata No.24/1 and 24/2, present BBMP Khata No.987/38/24//1/24/2/20 situated at Sarakkikere village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, present comes within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru and Measuring East to West – 67.00 feet and North to South – 37.50 feet, in all measuring 2512.50 Sq. feet. Boundaries as follows: East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by: Site No.19, South by: Private Property **Item No.2 :** All that piece and parcel of the Residential House list No.19, Old Khata No.24/1, present BBMP Khata No.998/24/1/19 situated at Sarakkikere village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, present comes within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru and Measuring East to West – 67.00 feet and North to South – 37.06 feet, in all measuring 2512.50 Sq. feet. Boundaries as follows: East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by: Site No.18, South by: Site No.20 **Composite Schedule Property:** All that piece and parcel of the combined property of Item No.1 & 2, bearing site No.19 and 20, Old Khata No.24/1 and 24/2, present BBMP Khata No.998/24/1/19 and 987/38/24//1/24/2/20 situated at Sarakkikere village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, present comes within the limits of BBMP, Puttenahalli, Ward No.187, Sarakkikere, Bengaluru and Measuring East to West – 67.00 feet and North to South – 75.00 feet, in all measuring 5025.00 Sq. feet. Boundaries as follows: East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by: Site No.18, South by: Private Property. **Schedule "B" Property:** Residential Apartment of Flat No.301 (3 BHK) in 2nd Floor, East facing in the building known as "Devi Grand View" having super built up area of 1500 sq. feet with right to use common areas and amenities and one car parking with undivided right, title and interest of 279 sq. feet in schedule "A" property belonging to Mr.Vishwanath Marakatti.	₹. 52.00 Lakhs	₹. 5.20 Lakhs	₹. 1.00 Lakh

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 9901642631 and 9486092152 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 02.05.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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E-Auction SALE NOTICE

Specialised Asset Recovery Management Branch-Hubballi,
Centrum Building, 2nd Floor, Gokul Road, Hubballi-580030, Telephone:0836-2239410,
E-mail:cb7261@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE/ MOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Specialised Asset Recovery Management Branch, Hubballi, Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis.**

Sl No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER/ CO-BORROWER /GUARANTOR	DETAILS AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WITH KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY.	TOTAL DUES + plus further interest and costs , RESERVE PRICE & EMD Amt. LAST DATE OF DEPOSIT EMD	AUCTION DATE & TIME (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale.) SALE NOTICE DATE Contact Phone No.
1	**Sri. P.D. Manjunath** H.No.131 3rd Ward Ganesh Temple Street Beside Kottur Swamy Mutt Brucepet Ballari-583101 and its guarantor namely **Smt Umamaheshwi** W/o P D Manjunath, H.No.131 3rd Ward Ganesh Temple Street Beside Kottur Swamy Mutt Brucepet Ballari. Karnataka 583101	**1)SCHEDULE – A**:-All the piece and parcel of property bearing site No.15 & 15/1, New BBMP Katha No.1549/15/4, 15/5 carved out of converted Sy. No. 15/4 & 15/5, situated at Sidedahalli village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, duly converted for Non-Agricultural residential purpose vide Order No. ALN(N)(Y) SR: 17/2014-15 Dated 19.07.2014 in all measuring 16,625 Sq.ft. **Boundaries:East: Bangalore-Hesaraghatta Road, West: Private Property, North: Private Property, South: Private Property** **SCHEDULE – B**:-(Details of the Flat Mortgaged to Canara Bank) All the piece and parcel of the immovable property in the name of P D Manjunath S/o P Devanna consisting 2BHK Flat/Apartment bearing No.006 on the Ground Floor of the building known as "BEE HOME ARIES" being constructed on the Schedule 'a' Property, having Super Built Up Area of 1026 Square feet, which includes Carpet Area of 701 Square feet, along with 421 square feet of Undivided share and inclusive of proportionate share in common areas and One Covered Car Parking Space In Stilt Floor. **Boundaries:East : corridor, West : Setback, Apartment No 009, North : Corridor, South: Apartment No 005 Boundaries:East: Common Passage, West: Flat No.009 and 5 M Drive way, North: Common Passage, South: Flat No.005.** **2)Schedule-A**:- All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Commercial Building Facing towards North-West in City Corporation Ward No 16 CMC Ward No 16 CTS Ward No.15,Block No.3,TS No 57/2A,Door No.9 and 10 and TS No.57/B to 57/L,Door No.5/5A to 5/5L AssesmentNo.23892/1,23892/2,23892/3,23892/5,23892/7,23892/6,23892,23891/11 and 23895,23896,Situated with in the registration and sub-Registration District of Bellary . Measurement :TS No.57/2A: 3847 Sq Ft, TS No.57/B to 57/L : 190.5 Sq.Ft, Total Area:4037.50 Sq Ft. **Boundaries:East – TS No.58 Property of M Hemachandra Reddy , West -TS No.57/B to 57/L Property, North -TS No.52 , South -Krishnamachari Road (KC Road)** **Schedule-B:-**Undivided Portion as Per Schedule A with Property extent Being 115 Sq Ft in first floor North Facing Commercial Shop Bearing No.19A. Measurement:East-West: 18 Feet, North-South:18 Feet, Total Measurement 324 Sq Ft And of the common space to be used equally by the Co-owners of all the shops constructed in the said complex area :104 Sq Ft **Boundaries:East: TS No 58 Property of M Hemachandra Reddy, West:07 Feet Common Road, North:08 Feet Passage, South: Road In Between Shop No.19A only.** **3)**All that part and parcel of the Open site facing towards south in city corporation ward No.26, CMC Ward No.20 CTS Ward No.20 Block No.9, TS No.963/2, Plot No.97, Asst No.46788/97 Situated within the registration and Sub-Registration district of Bellary. Property in the Name of Smt.Uma Maheshwari W/o P D Manjunatha. Measurement:-East-West:30 Feet, North-South:40 Feet, Total Measurement 1200 Sq Ft. **Boundaries:East – Plot No.98, West -Plot No.96, North -Plot No.88, , South -Road**	**TOTAL DUES: Rs. 89,59,663.25 as on Date:**31/03/2026 **RESERVE PRICE: Property 1: Rs.50.00 Lakhs Property 2: Rs.24.85 Lakhs Property 3 : Rs.18.50 Lakhs EMD: Property 1: Rs.5.00 Lakhs Property 2: Rs.2.50 Lakhs Property 3: Rs.1.9 Lakhs LAST DATE FOR EMD: 19/05/2026 till 4.00 PM.**	**20/05/2026 Time: 11.30 am to 12.30 pm SALE NOTICE DATE: :** 30/04/2026 **Contact No.:- 0836-2239457 & 7903600526 9480696809**

Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://BAANKNET.com For detailes terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, Canara Bank Specialized Asset Recovery Management Branch, Hubballi, Phone No. as mentioned above during office hours on any working day. Details of Auction service providerM/s PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) , Helpdesk Number- 8291220220, Email:support.baanknet@psballiance.com, Website: https://baanknet.com/support.baanknet@procure247.com

Place:Hubballi **Sd/-Authorised Officer, CANARA BANK**

Devendrappa Avanti, a senior journalist in Kalaburagi, has been selected for the prestigious Kasaragod Kannada Journalists' Welfare Association Award of Kerala. The award consists of a cash prize, a certificate and a memento. The award will be presented at a ceremony to be held on May 16 at the Subbayyakatte Aided Higher Primary School auditorium in Kasaragod district

Experts panel for hub-and-spoke model to make students job ready

Edu dept to help develop models in 15 Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities as part of Beyond B'luru policy

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

EVEN as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah emphasised in his state budget 2026–27 on decentralising growth in technology, innovation and expansion of education and industries 'Beyond Bengaluru', the Expert Committee on Reforms in Technical Education, in its report Karnataka Engineering Education Transformation, has recommended that the government in coordination with the higher education department develop 15 'Hub and Spoke' models in Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities.

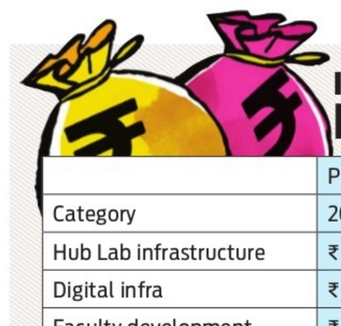
These should be built majorly to help students and faculty members develop job-ready skills in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML) and other core skills required in the industry.

The committee, headed by Prof Sadagopan – former director of IIIT Bengaluru – was formed by the higher education department recently to conduct a detailed study on the engineering education system. In its report, the experts comprising professors from IISc, IIIT, VTU and others recommend developing these models in three phases including the first phase in FY2027-28, second in 2029–32 and the final one in 2033–2036.

To make the job easy for the department, the committee has listed few institutions in Mysuru, Hubballi-Dharwad and Belagavi where these hubs can be set up.Dr KG Chandrashekara, Executive Director, Karnataka Higher Education Council, told TNIE, "In Tier 1 cities, five hubs shall be established in the initial phase to initiate CORE+AI Curriculum, advanced labs, faculty training. For instance, we have listed institutions like IISc, IIT Dharwad, National Institute of Technology Surathkal, RV College of Engineering, MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology, National Institute of Engineering in Mysuru and IIITs. Once the Centre of Excellence-like labs are established in these institutions, surrounding colleges will make use of these facilities. These institutions will serve as hub and colleges that use the facilities will serve as spoke."

He added, "In Tier 2 cities, the department shall establish more than 10 regional hubs in the next phase so that there is rotation in learning for colleges moving from one lab to another – rotation in the lab weeks. In tier 3 cities, there will be more than 150 spoke colleges affiliated to Visvesaraya Technological University (VTU) that will adopt the reformed curriculum and start operating as hub labs.

This way, the hub labs grow across the state and network with each other via cloud-based virtual labs. They can also run recorded masterclass and four to six weeks of intensive on-site modules to train students across various engineering streams including computer science and related courses, civil, mechanical, automobile, aerospace engineering and others."



INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Category	2027-28	2029-32	2033-36
Hub Lab infrastructure	₹ 60 cr	₹ 150 cr	₹ 50 cr
Digital infra	₹ 20 cr	₹ 40 cr	₹ 20 cr
Faculty development	₹ 15 cr	₹ 40 cr	₹ 25 cr
Student scholarships	₹ 30 cr	₹ 80 cr	₹ 120 cr
KEERA Operations	₹ 10 cr	₹ 25 cr	₹ 20 cr

PROTECTING HERITAGE

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi hands over the degree certificate to a student during the convocation of Sri Raghavendra Ayurveda College on Saturday. Yoga and Ayurveda are gifts of Indian heritage, he said | EXPRESS

Paperless property registration system triggers concern

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE state government's newly introduced paperless e-registration system under Kaveri software has triggered concerns over property security, with licensed document writers alleging that the new process leaves room for fraud, hacking and land grabbing.

Members of the Karnataka State Stamps and Registration Department Authorised Licensed Document Writers' Union raised the concern at a press conference in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The association said the paperless registration model, piloted in Chamarajanagar district from April 30, has removed the requirement for physical signatures of buyers, sellers, witnesses and document preparers, replacing them with OTP-based authentication and digital signatures of officials.

According to the association, one of the biggest concerns is that buyers are not being given original registered documents, with records remaining only in digital lockers. They argued that this could create difficulties in proving ownership, transferring property to heirs and securing loans against property.

Union vice-president N Naveen Kumar said, "People invest their lifetime savings in buying property. But under this system, they are not getting original documents. Without physical records and signatures, there is a serious risk of fraud and illegal transfer of properties."

The association also claimed that the system could be misused by land mafia and hackers, especially as multiple OTP verifications and the absence of physical verification create security concerns. They argued that the new process makes it difficult for legal practitioners and document writers to verify ownership documents before registration.

The union alleged that the government had ignored multiple representations submitted to the Department of Stamps and Registration, Karnataka and warned that if corrective measures were not taken, they would launch a protest at Freedom Park.

Union leaders, including General Secretary Dharmaraj V Ekkakote, Joint Secretaries Karibasappa Balli and E Krishnamurthy, Treasurer DR Giriraju and other office-bearers, were present at the press conference.

Min gives aid to students who secured MBBS seats

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayapura

IN a gesture of support to meritorious but financially challenged students, **MB Patil**, President of BLDE Association and Minister for Industries, Infrastructure Development and District In-charge, has provided financial assistance to two students who secured MBBS seats under the government quota through National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET).

At a programme held at his residence office in the city on Saturday, the Minister handed over cheques to Udayakumar Narayanakar from Almel taluk and Manohar Harage from Ratnapur to cover tuition fees, hostel and mess expenses.

Speaking on the occasion, Patil advised students to work hard and pursue their education with dedication. He said financial support is being extended to deserving students and urged both parents and beneficiaries to make the best use of such opportunities to bring recognition to Vijayapura district.

BLDE Deemed University Registrar Dr R V Kulkarni, Accounts Superintendent SS Patil, and parents of the students were present on the occasion.

DPR ready for developing 13 islands, need Rs 1.5k cr: Min

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SAWANT said he has written to the Centre, seeking permission to improve infrastructure on these islands.

In the meantime, the Goa ports department announced that it is planning a survey as early as next week. "It will be conducted with the Coast Guards," Octavian Rodrigues, Captain, Ports Goa, told *TNIE*

But Vaidya, who is also minister for port and fisheries, told *TNSE*, "We have identified all the islands and started naming them. We are in the process of developing 13 islands. We have completed their survey for development. The detailed project report is ready and it is only for tourism development. We require at least Rs 1,500 crore. We have had experts study the islands and develop plans for them individually. Let Goa do whatever it can... we will not give even an inch of our land. We have been working on this for the last two years. It has been a first-of-its-kind effort in the state. We are all enthusiastic."

"Uttara Kannada has 63 islands. We are developing only a few of them. We have conducted the survey and formulated a plan for them. We don't have any differences with the neighbouring state over island jurisdictions except one near Majali. All these islands are within 12 nautical miles. Goa cannot interfere in the affairs of the district. If they want to survey the islands, they need to inform us and even have friendly communication," said Uttara Kannada Deputy Commissioner Lakshmi Priya.

The Goa government said the file pertaining to the survey has been moved for approval.

The Uttara Kannada district administration has completed the survey of the islands, which in total measure around 100 hectares. Most islands have been named after what the local fishermen call them. This has been a first such effort.

Accordingly, six islands have been named – Madhyalingada Dweepa, Mongergudda Dweepa, Devgad 1 and 2, (all in Karwar taluk), Hag Dweepa and Kirikonda in Bhatkal taluk. They have all been given new survey numbers.

MANGALURU BENCH

HC CJ to inspect old DC office for court complex

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

CONGRESS MLC Ivan D'Souza on Saturday said that their demand for establishing a permanent and a circuit bench of the High Court in Mangaluru is receiving a positive response, with the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court agreeing to inspect the identified land soon.

Speaking to the reporters here in Mangaluru, MLC Ivan said that Dakshina Kannada district In-charge Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has already written to the state government to reserve land within the premises of the old deputy commissioner's office near State Bank area in the city, and the advocates' forum is also of the opinion that it is an ideal location for the circuit bench.

"Following our representation recently, the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court has agreed to personally visit the 4-storied old DC office complex and the necessary basic facilities available there for the circuit bench," he said. He further said that the bench requires a court hall and other facilities.

"Apart from this potential location, the land where the district prison is located will also be available once it is shifted to Mudipu. Since the prison shifting process will take about two more years, we have requested the authorities to set up the High Court Circuit Bench at the Old DC office complex. The High Court Chief Justice will soon visit the complex and take the next decision," he said, adding that through various campaigns, they have been making the concerned authorities understand the necessity of a High Court Circuit Bench in Mangaluru.

AXIS BANK

Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Axis Bank Ltd.,** under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 6 & 8 of the said Rules 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Axis Bank Ltd.,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) Mr. Srikanth Ashok Kumar Lodd S/o Ashok Kumar Lodd, 1432, Gallery Place, # 7, Jackson Mi 4149201, U S A. Also At : H No 7428, 14th Ave, Unit 16, California 5630, U S A. **Also At :** Tech Nettinc, 101 Parkshore Falsom, California 5630, U S A **(Borrower/Mortgager). (2) Mrs. Sreelatha** W/o Srikanth Lodd, 1432, Gallery Place, # 7, Jackson Mi 4149201, U S A. Also At : H No 1-63-11-1/2, Dinakoil Nagar West Venkatapuram, Old Alwal Secundarabad-500010.

Loan A/c No : PHR051401275891

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 21,55,305 /- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Three Hundred Five Only) being the amount due as on **15.07.2025** and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 15.07.2025 **Possession Notice Dated : 30.04.2026**

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY : SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing Flat No 107 1st Floor, BM Harvest Sy No 50/2 Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore-562125 and Bounded as follows: East by : Properties of Shri M Munireddy, West by : Property of Shri Chowdareddy, North by : Road, South by : Property of Shri M Munireddy.

For any clarification please contact Mr. Raghunath, No.9886960484.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : (1) Mrs.Jayalakshmi B V D/o. Vasudev Rao B **(Borrower/Applicant), (2) Mr.Preetham B P** S/o.Mr.Prabhakara **(Co-Applicant/Guarantor), Both are residing at :** Flat-b-104, RNS Shanthi Nivas Tumkur Road, Yeshwantpura, Bangalore, Karnataka, India-560022. **Also at :** Flat el 1204, 11th floor, phase 1, block o platium city project, property no 2, HMT Main Road, Peenya Village Yeshwanthpur Bangalore-560013.

Loan A/c No : LPR000903058991

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.36,64,436/-(Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Six Only) being the amount due as on **12.03.2025** and interest thereon.

Demand Notice Dated : 13.03.2025 **Possession Notice Dated : 30.04.2026**

Description Of The Property Belongs To Ms Jayalakshmi BV

All that piece and parcel of residential Apartment bearing no.EL-1204 on the Eleventh Floor of Phase I in 'O' Block of the multistoried building known as 'PLATINUM CITY PROJECT', constructed and erected on property being a portion of the large extent of property bearing No.2, situated at H.M.T. Main Road, Peenya Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Corporation Division No.1/2, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, with 117.86 Sq.ft. undivided share in land, having a super built-up area of 710 Sq.ft. The total property is bounded as follows: East by : 'B' Block of the Platinum City Project, West by : Bharat Fritz Werner Factory, North by : Open space of the Platinum City Project, South by : Open space of the Platinum City Project.

For any clarification, please contact Mr. Raghunatha Mobile No. 9886960484.

Date : 30.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Axis Bank**

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **14.01.2026** calling upon the Borrower; **(1) Sri Varun.R.Dhammapal,** S/o.Rajanna.G., No.99, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, 2/4 Lake Dew, Bilishivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560 077, **Also at: Mayasandra,** Chikkanahalli Post, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-562130, **Also at:** Flat No.510, 13th Cross, Indiranagar Royal Oak, Bengaluru-560077, **Also at:** No.4126, 4th Block, 12th Floor, CASA SERENITY, Shobha City, Hegde Nagara, Bengaluru-560 077, **Guarantors; (2) Sri Venkatesh.S.,** S/o.Srinivas.R., No.89, 6th Cross, 3rd Block, PWD Quarters, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560027, **Also at:** Business Development Executive, City Synapse Information Pvt.Ltd., No.14/15, Patel Ramareddy Road, Krishnamurthy Layout, Domlur, Bengaluru-560071., **(3) Sri Samson Stany Paul,** S/o.Late P.D.Thangam, No.865, Vijanapura, Ramamurthy Nagara, Ramaswamy Reddy Layout, Dooravani Nagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 016, **Also at:** Plot No.207-210, KIADB, Narasapura Industrial Area, Kolar District, Karnataka-563133, **(4) Sri Ravishankar.S.** S/o.Mallikarjuna Shetty, No.83, Vishwa Layout, Behind Kennametal Widia, Manjunathanagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560073, **Also at:** Velcon Solutions, F2, Elegant Apartment, SBM Colony, BSK, Bengaluru-560050 to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **Rs.41,18,217/- (Rupees Forty One Lakh Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred and Seventeen Only) as on 08.01.2026** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest along with cost and charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the Notices sent to the last known addresses of the Borrower and Guarantors were returned un-served, the Bank has published the said Demand Notice dated **14.01.2026** in the Kannada daily **"Samyuktha Karnataka"** and in English daily **"The New Indian Express"** dated **06.02.2026** calling upon the Borrower and Guarantors to pay the amount mentioned in the said notice along with the interest and charges within 60 days from the date of publication of the said Demand Notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **30th Day of April 2026.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., BSK 1st Stage Branch** for an amount of **Rs.41,18,217/- (Rupees Forty One Lakh Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred and Seventeen Only) as on 08.01.2026** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest and costs and charges till the date of realization.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.99, Khatha No-61/99, Sy.No.109, Situated at Bileshivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, BBMP ward No.54, Bengaluru measuring East to West 40 feet & North to South 60 feet including building and bounded as follows: East by : Site No.116, West by : Road (30 feet), North by : Site No.100, South by : Site No.98.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
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Andhra Pradesh has set a national benchmark by becoming one of the first states to achieve 100% data validation across all 13,310 Gram Panchayats, marking a milestone in decentralised planning and monitoring

HUNG VERDICT? TVK MAY MOVE MLAs TO RESORT

Candidates told not to go anywhere after winning seat; Party's legal wing put on alert

PRABHAKAR TAMILARASU
@ Chennai

STARING at the possibility of a hung Assembly once the poll results are out on May 4, TN parties are bracing themselves for the infamous 'resort politics' as Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) has made arrangements to corral its victorious candidates at a resort at Poonjeri near Mahabalipuram. It is pertinent to note that hours after the exit poll results were declared last Wednesday, Vijay issued a statement asking his party candidates to rush to the party headquarters at Panaiyur without delay if they are declared the winners on May 4.

With different exit poll surveys giving the upper hand to different parties – DMK alliance, TVK, and AIADMK bloc — TVK chief and actor C Joseph Vijay had asked his party functionaries to keep the resort ready for accommodating at least 100 winning candidates. "After the meeting with party candidates on Thursday, Vijay asked the functionaries to book the resort to accommodate the winning candidates," a source privy to the developments told TNIE. According to sources, TVK usually arranges state-level functionaries' meet at the private resort at Poonjeri. The resort could accommodate more than 100 people. The source also added that Vijay had told the candidates at the meeting "not to go anywhere after winning the seat".

Vijay has also asked his party's legal wing to be prepared for all eventualities and advised party's general secretary (election campaign management), Aadhav Arjuna, to give a representation to the Election Commission of India to bolster security to prevent disturbance to law and order on the counting day, sources said. Meanwhile, the ruling DMK, is confident of coming back to power as the single largest party and has instructed its party workers to be vigilant during the counting. DMK spokesperson Salem Dharanidharan told TNIE that the party is going to sweep this election. "This election is not about who will be the ruling party. It is about who will be the opposition to DMK in the coming years and decades. Surveys show my CM (Stalin) as the most preferred candidate, with 40%-55% support. The second and third choices trail far behind at 20% and 15%. If one odd poll suggests Vijay gaining seats, I don't believe it. Vijay is not a politician; politics is just a hobby for him," he said.

BRAIN FEVER CLAIMS 17 LIVES IN KERALA

ANNA JOSE @ Kochi

Amoebic meningoencephalitis, a fatal brain infection, has claimed 17 lives in the state so far this year, with 96 confirmed cases reported in the first four months, raising concerns over the safety and need for precautions. While the numbers keep rising, medical experts believe that the revised diagnosticguidelines have helped in detecting the condition at the earliest and reducing the mortality rate.

The state had reported 201 confirmed cases of the brain infection and 47 deaths in 2025.In the latest incident, a 26-year-old nurse died in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday due to suspected amoebic meningoencephalitis, which is caused by a 'brain-eating amoeba'. Dr Rajeev Jayadevan, chairman of the IMA Research Cell - Kerala, said the revision of the diagnosis guidelines has led to the rise in the number of cases being reported.

"Earlier, we used to test for amoeba only if other tests were negative. Now, when a brain infection is reported, we test for amoebic meningoencephalitis. It has helped in early detection and treatment," he said. In the second half of 2024, more than 30 cases were recorded in the state.

Dr Anish TS, associate professor of epidemiology, Kerala University of Health Sciences, said the rising number of cases may be the result of improved detection and reporting in Kerala's health system. "Though such brain infections do occur widely in other states, they go unreported. It does not indicate poor management but better diagnosis," he said.

According to Dr Anish, the number of cases is expected to rise in the coming months.

HARSH SUMMER

Stray dogs drink from a shallow drainage channel along Papanasam Beach in Varkala, on Saturday reflecting the harsh summer heat and growing water scarcity affecting both people and animals across Kerala | BP DEEPU

THREE-TIER SECURITY IN PLACE IN TN FOR COUNTING OF VOTES ON MAY 4

CHENNAI: With Tamil Nadu gearing up for the counting of votes for the 2026 Assembly elections on May 4, CEO Archana Patnaik on Saturday said that a three-tier security system has been put in place. Votes polled at 75,064 booths on April 23 and postal ballots will be counted on Monday. Meanwhile, the TVK has urged the CEO to ensure enhanced security across all 62 counting centres, and called for the creation of a one-km "sterile zone" around each centre. The CEOsaid that as many as 234 counting halls have been arranged for the EVMs, while 240 additional halls will handle postal ballots and Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballots.

TTD ghee adulteration row: Panel blames officials

S GURU SRIKANTH @ Vijayawada

In a major development in the alleged Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) ghee adulteration case, the findings of a one-man committee constituted by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu have come to light, exposing rampant administrative failures, procedural violations, and possible collusion that led to the scandal.

The committee report squarely fixes accountability on senior officials and the procurement machinery, holding them responsible for creating conditions that allowed adulterated ghee to enter the sacred supply chain. The report highlights how eligibility criteria introduced in August 2019 were diluted within five months without justification, enabling non-compliant and unverified dairy firms to participate in ghee tenders.

This relaxation opened the door for suppliers such as Bhole Baba Organic Dairy Milk Pvt Ltd, marking the beginning of a decline in quality standards.

A critical Central Food Technological Research Institute report dated August 3, 2022, confirmed adulteration with vegetable oils through the presence of -sitosterol. However, senior management allegedly suppressed the findings and failed to enforce Tender Condition No 50, which mandated blacklisting of such firms. Instead, suppliers continued to receive orders and procurement went on unchecked.

Plans to mandate FSSAI -sitosterol testing from July 2022 were reversed, resulting in the procurement of over 70 lakh kg of ghee without legally required checks. The report notes consignments were accepted and used even before laboratory results were received, raising serious concerns about public health and the sanctity of temple offerings. It holds the Board, Purchase Committee, and senior officers — including the executive officer (EO), special officer/additional EO, FA&CAO, general manager (Procurements), and ghee/dairy experts — responsible for these lapses.

EXPRESS READ

12-year-old student tortured at school

KOLLAM: A 12-year-old student was allegedly tied upside down and assaulted on suspicion of theft, at a private residential school in Punalur, Kerala. The police have arrested a cook and hostel warden of the institution in connection with the incident that happened on Thursday. The school houses children from economically weak backgrounds. According to the complaint, the cook suspected that the boy, a Std VI student, had stolen ₹500 from him, and he tied him upside down using a rope. The boy was reportedly threatened and assaulted. The warden allegedly helped in the act. The accused have been remanded in judicial custody and lodged at the Kottarakkara sub jail. The boy's uncle, V R Rajan, alleged that the accused first beat him with a bamboo stick, demanding that he tell the truth.

Revanth vows to clear pension dues in 100 days

HYDERABAD: Disclosing that his government has asked the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) to submit its report at the earliest, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said a decision on revising salaries of government employees would be taken after the report is received. He also assured that pending retirement benefits of about ₹6,000 crore would be cleared within 100 days. Health cards will be issued to all employees by June 1, he added. In June 2014, at the time of formation of Telangana, the government spent about ₹1,500 crore per month on salaries and pensions. This has risen to around ₹6,000 crore per month at present, accounting for about 41% of the state's revenue in 2025–26. On Saturday, leaders of Telangana Employees JAC and Telangana Employees Joint Staff Council met the chief minister at his residence and discussed employee issues.

₹9cr aid for family in accident case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kozhikode

IN a significant verdict, the Kozhikode Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal has awarded a record-breaking compensation of Rs 9,01,67,500 to the family of an expatriate killed in a road accident. Delivered by Principal Judge K Rakesh on April 25, the judgment directs the New India Assurance Company to pay the sum, marking one of the highest compensation amounts ever granted by a tribunal in Kerala.

The victim, Shijin, a native of Thiruvangoor, was employed as a senior operator for Abu Dhabi Polymers in the UAE. The tragic incident occurred on March 28, 2023, at Malikkadavu, Kozhikode, while Shijin was home on leave. He was travelling on his motorcycle around 1 am when he was hit by a lorry that was reportedly being driven in a rash and negligent manner. Though he was taken to hospital immediately, his life could not be saved.

The compensation petition was filed by Shijin's wife, Nikhila Karunakaran, their two children, Ishan and Parthiv, and his mother, Radha. In determining the historic settlement, the tribunal factored in Shijin's high overseas salary, his age at the time of death, and the financial dependency of his young family. Legal experts noted that the court also considered the loss of various international allowances, such as educational support for his children and free accommodation provided by his employer in Abu Dhabi.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

APPLICATION NOTIFICATION NO. B/C.210/Halt/2026-27/SBC Division, Date: 27.04.2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for appointment of Halt Agent from educated unemployed persons residing in and around the Kempegowda International Airport (KIAD), Someshwar (SMWA) and Jannagatta (GJT) Train Halt station for issuing Unreserved tickets on Commission Basis for a period of five (05) years or up-gradation of the station whichever is earlier.

Sl.No.	Halt Station	Section	To Start functioning from
1.	Kempegowda International Airport (KIAD)	YNK	Date will be notified by the Administration.
2.	Someshwara (SMWA)		
3.	Jannagatta (GJT)		

Last date for Submission of Application : Upto 10.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs on 03.06.2026

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Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Bengaluru

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04.

'e'-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

'e'-Tender No. & Date	Name of Work	Ranging (approx.)	Bid document download start date
EP No. 14 CGM(E) / TC / T1/ TD.No.1 / Refurbishment/ 2026-27, Dtd: 02.05.2026	Refurbishment of 27 MGD raw water conduit from Osmansagar to Asifnagar filter beds to arrest leakages and frequent breakdowns and thereby reduce UFW/NRW under Osmansagar section, SD-II, Trans.Div.I, Himayathsagar.	Rs. 198.61 crores	06.05.2026 @ 4.00 pm

The Tenderers are requested to upload the information on the Zip format preferably. Further details can be seen on www.eprocurement.gov.in

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04.

S. E. RAILWAY – E-TENDER

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/GENL/TP/2026/14, Dated: 30.04.2026. Tender for "E" Procurement System. The Principal Chief Materials Manager, South Eastern Railway, Hd. Qrs. Office (5th Floor), New Administrative Building, 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-tenders which have been uploaded on website www.ireps.gov.in as follows. All the tenders will be closed at 14.00 hrs.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Closing Date	Brief Description	Quantity	EMD amount (₹)
1	33263188	21.05.2026	Centering Disc etc.	932 Nos.	1,36,370
2	33263014	22.05.2026	Traction Centre Elastic Joint etc.	4209 Nos.	1,25,260
3	33263434	22.05.2026	Air Spring assembly capacity 160 KN etc.	1300 Nos.	20,00,000
4	33261480	09.06.2026	Set of TPU rings for Secondary Suspension of LHB coaches etc.	580 set	2,95,660
5	33263249	22.05.2026	Improved High Tensile Tight Lock Center Buffer Coupler etc.	1800 nos.	20,00,000
6	31263660	17.06.2026	Metallised Carbon Strips etc.	302 nos.	1,43,220
7	IG255892B	01.06.2026	Indoor type Distribution Transformer of capacity 500 KVA etc.	04 Nos.	1,74,640
8	60265151	22.05.2026	Manufacture and supply of Mono Block wider Pre-Stressed concrete Sleeper etc.	20000 nos.	17,34,600
9	72263053	21.05.2026	T.C. Insert neutral upended, 30mm long etc.	14,050 nos.	1,33,95,832
10	33263397	11.06.2026	Brake Cylinders etc.	62 set	2,81,580
11	33260002	03.06.2026	Anti roll bar bracket etc.	4997 set	1,18,930
12	33263458	15.06.2026	Brake Caliper Unit Right Version	50 nos.	2,01,400
13	31263446A	01.06.2026	Vacuum circuit breaker single bottle VCB etc.	15 nos.	1,11,950
14	29263192	19.05.2026	Impellers for oil cooling unit for transformer	442 nos.	4,79,840
15	25261213	25.05.2026	Independent Brake Valve	177 nos.	76,630
16	29263136	25.05.2026	Contactor Auxiliaries with Auxiliaries contact block	537 nos.	1,90,100
17	29264972	26.05.2026	Speed probe Housing (NDE)	550 nos.	1,93,400
18	25263659	27.05.2026	Traction Motor Blower with Motor	33 nos.	1,24,890
19	29263755	08.06.2026	Contactor for control electronics ON and control electronics OFF	329 nos.	1,51,410
20	29264994	09.06.2026	Hall Effect Active Speed Sensor	407 nos.	1,85,860
21	29263251	09.06.2026	Primary Voltage Transformer	33 nos	1,84,200
22	29263134	10.06.2026	Contactor for Compressor and Scavenger Blower Motor	1023 nos.	1,84,690
23	29264992	10.06.2026	High voltage cable with plug	49 set	1,86,990
24	29263169	11.06.2026	Vigilance Control Device (VCD) Comprising of two items	22 nos.	1,05,400
25	29263103	15.06.2026	DC-DC Convertor (24V 48V)	320 set	1,27,630
26	29263167	16.06.2026	Single core cable 9GKWA 4000V-BK	2816 mtr.	1,12,440
27	25263617	17.06.2026	Pantograph complete assembly excluding foot insulators etc.	77 nos.	1,68,500

Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/ description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. N.B: Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all other tenders & any corrigendum published thereafter. (PR-108)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public at large that, my client **Sri. Somashekhar. A,** S/o. Aadimurthy, Aged about 49 years, residing at No. 1096/4, 21st Main, 20th Cross, Opp. Apex Racing Academy, A Block, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore 560092, that my client's son namely Sri. SAI SUMUK TAVANISH S, has lost his ICSE Statement of Marks (Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations) bearing Unique ID No. 8394582 and Index No. 1244373/219. The passing year is 2024 from Baldwin Boy's High School. while travelling in Sahakarnagar. The documents were lost in transit on 20.04.2026 between 12:00 PM and 09:00 PM. Regarding this, a Lost Article Report has been lodged with the Bengaluru City Police, vide Report No. 2182043/2026 on 01.05.2026. Finder may please contact 9845737370 and return the documents.

Sd/- Vanithadevi, Advocate
Mobile No. 9980880585

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore - 560001
O.A.NO. 1494/2023

BETWEEN: BANK OF BARODA (Adugodi Branch) ...APPLICANT
AND: M/s. MAA DURGA PACKAGING & ANOTHER ....DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED U/R 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act. 1993 against you for recovery of sum of **Rs.20,34,566.03** together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above Defendants are therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date publication or **on 18/08/2026 at 10.30 a.m.** and as to why the prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 29th day of April 2026.

By Order Of The Tribunal, Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Bangalore

TO, 1. M/s. MAA DURGA PACKAGING,
Sy. No.52, Coconut Garden,
Doddanagammangala Village,
Off Naganathapura, Bengaluru-560100
Represented by it's Proprietrix
Mrs. ANURADHA S. PATNAIK
W/o. Shivakumar.
2. Mrs. ANURADHA S. PATNAIK
W/o. Shivakumar. R/at No.100,
Janatha Colony, Rayasandra,
Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560099
Also at: Sy. No. 36/1, Gonighatta
Pura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Nerige Post,
Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562125

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK LTD.
No.1, 'UTHUNGA', Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018.
Phone: 080-26983700, 26983722, 22976600 E-mail: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.bank.in

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the **Authorised Officer, The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd, Bengaluru - 560018** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act 2002, read with the relevant Rules 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Details of the Borrower / Guarantor	Description of Property and Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD Amount	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of Opening Tender & Place of Auction
1	**Borrower:** **1) Sri Vineeth Chandy S/o. P.C. Chandy,** No. 4167, 4th Cross, 2nd Stage, Pipeline Road, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru - 560078. **Also at:** Assistant Professor, T. John College of Pharmacy, No. 88/1, Gottigere Post, Bengaluru - 560083. **Guarantor:** **2) Smt Khalida Khanum W/o. Sri Vineeth Chandy** No. 4167, 4th Cross, 2nd Stage, Pipeline Road, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru - 560078.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.919 in Sy. Nos.1, 2 & 8 formed by the Space Employees C-operative Housing Society Limited, Bangalore, Situated at Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (now known as Vikramnagar / ISRO Layout) now this property comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Corporation Ward No. 55 (New-181), PID No. 55-614-919, New Corporation No. 919, 12th Main Road, 17th Cross, ISRO Layout, Bangalore, measuring East to West 12.195 Mtrs, North to South 9.146 Mtrs in all measuring 111.55 Square mtrs (1200 Sft) and bounded on: **East by :** Private Land, **West by :** 40 feet Road, **North by :** Site No. 920, **South by :** Site No. 918.	**Rs.1,56,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty Six Lakh Only) **EMD: Rs.15,60,000/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Sixty Thousand Only) (10% of the Reserve Price)	**Rs.49,86,416/-** (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Sixteen Only) **as on 26-04-2026**	**05-06-2026 at 11.30 AM No.1, "UTHUNGA", Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018**

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:- 1) The Tender form can be collected from **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., No. 1, "UTHUNGA", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018. (Phone: 080-26983700 / 26983722 / 22976600)** on all working days during office hours. **2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD being 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bengaluru** - payable at Bengaluru. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. **3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bengaluru** latest by **04-06-2026 before 5.00 PM.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **4)** The property **"WILL NOT"** be sold below the reserve price. **5)** In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount will be refunded without interest. **6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the bidder including successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders **on 05-06-2026 at 11.30 AM. 8)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, by Demand Draft / Pay Order / RTGS / NEFT and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property will be put for re-auction. **9)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **10)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or / bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify any of all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **11)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **12)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidders **between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** at their expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **13)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy them self about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., No. 1, "UTHUNGA", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Phone No: 080-26983700 / 26983722 / 22976600) E-Mail ID: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.bank.in

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 02-05-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,

STATE BANK OF INDIA
HOME LOAN CENTRE
No. 97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020.
Email: racpc.bzl@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [RULE - 8(1)]
(For Immovable Property)

A/C. NO: SBI/SISIR/HLC/MALLESHWARAM/HL/41313195750/ TOPUP/ 42446080668

WHEREAS,

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notices Dated 09-02-2026 issued calling upon the Borrower: **1). Mr. Gnanesh B K S/o Late Krishna Murthy C #3 (Friends), 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, Dhanalaksmi Layout, Thindlu Main Road Bengaluru-560 097. Also, at: 1) Mr. Gnanesh B K S/o Late Krishna Murthy C No.175, 5th B Cross Jakkuru Layout, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North-560 092. 2) Mr. Gnanesh B K S/o Late Krishna Murthy C. Consulate General of ISRAEL in Bengaluru #1 & 2, Murphy Road. RMZ Millenia, Halsuru, Bengaluru-560 008. 3) Mr. Gnanesh B K S/o Late Krishna Murthy C Flat No.301. ROYAL VISTARA' Apartment, Srirampur Main road, Amruthahalli village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North-560 092.** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being, **Rs.42,80,838/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Eight Only)** as on 09-02-2026 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules, on-**28.04.2026.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.43,54,537/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Seven Only)** as on 24.04.2026 and interest plus expenses, cost, charges, etc, thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE "A"

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Gramathana Assessment/BBMP Katha No. 47/2 and 47/3 present BBMP Katha No. 885/47/2 & 47/3, situated at Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk. Measuring East to West: North Side-75 feet, South Side-74 feet, North to South: East Side-177 feet, West Side-199 feet, Totally measuring 14006 Sq. feet and bounded on the: **East by:** Property belongs to Smt. Kamalamma, **West by:** Property belongs to Sri. Nagaraj and Murlidhar, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Land belongs to Sri. Mallappa S/o Chikkasidappa.

SCHEDULE "B"

360.46 Sq. feet undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above.

SCHEDULE "C"

Residential Flat bearing No. 301, on the Second Floor, measuring 1247 Sq. feet of super built up area, containing Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as **"ROYAL VISTARA"**, constructed over Schedule "A" Property.

Date: 28.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Authorized Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA
Home Loan Centre Malleswaram, Bengaluru

To make it difficult, almost impossible for people to cast a vote is not in keeping with the democratic process

John Lewis

TRUMP'S WAR: PRICES UP, RUPEE DOWN, BUDGETS IN A SPIN

THE THIRD EYE

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SATURDAY morning found the public policy pulpit betwixt joy and jitters. The headlines gleamed with a record ₹2.43-lakh-crore GST collection in April. The data presented the sarkar with a serious dilemma. Should they celebrate the optics of a record harvest, or worry about the rising cost of imports inflicted by Trump's war in West Asia? Data shows that GST on domestic sales grew 4.3 percent, while import-related GST collections surged 25.8 percent. The higher cost of imports will seep like oil, setting fire to individual and institutional budgets.

The Hormuz Strait is the jugular vein for Asian economies. Over 20 million barrels of crude oil and related products move through the strait daily in normal times. Its closure has cramped availability and ramped up prices. The resultant shortage has seen the benchmark Brent prices yo-yo this month between $100 and $128 a barrel. Every dollar's increase pushes up the import bill and widens the current account gap. It is estimated that the rise in crude prices from pre-war $65 to over $100 will result in an annual increase of $70 billion to India's crude import bill.

Thanks to the poll-piper, the government did not hike prices. That may not sustain as the cost of subsidies for oil, gas and fertilisers will wreck the carefully-constructed macro fundamentals. Unsurprisingly, there is buzz about a 'security' cess or a 'war' cess. While that transitions through the corridors of economics and politics, the currency is already taking a major hit despite the steps taken by the RBI—tumbling from ₹84.66 to the US dollar in May 2025 to ₹95.20 this week.

The rupee is trapped in a quandary. Its slide has triggered the exit of foreign institutional investors—their net sales, at ₹2 lakh crore or roughly $20 billion in the first four months of the year, are higher than their sales in all of 2025. Returns on India's benchmark Nifty50—both year-to-date and year-on-year—are lower than what is offered by banks for fixed deposits. Despite the fall in the index—over 8 percent this year—HSBC, Goldman Sachs, J P Morgan Chase, Bernstein and UBS saw it fit to downgrade Indian stocks to underweight or neutral. The slide of the rupee causes a flight to safety and that, in turn, causes a further fall. The rupee's state is both the cause and the consequence of its weakness.

The rupee also faces the threat of slowing or shrinking remittances from $135 billion received last year. India rescued and repatriated 5.72 lakh Indians via Operation Samudra Setu II as Gulf projects stalled under drone threats and a cooling regional economy. The International Energy Agency has warned that restoration of capacity and output could take two years. If the Gulf dream goes into retreat, it will impact the quantum of remittances as also the options for those seeking employment.

The cost and the pain are not just seen in spreadsheets. It is a double- or even a triple-whammy! The conflict's molecular contagion has left thousands of manufacturing units without gas to fuel production—from the ceramic kilns of Morbi to the textile mills of Panipat-Sonipat, many are facing an existential challenge. Elsewhere, enterprises are stranded as migrant labourers head home without LPG for community kitchens. Many restaurants and cloud kitchens have scaled back or shut down.

The energy shock comes in the wake of a troubled job market. Thanks to the impact of generative AI—from coding to enterprise management and advances in deployment of agentic AI—IT service giants, India's largest employers, exporters and growth multipliers, are redrawing their armadas. They have slowed hiring and hastened firing. This year, many IT service companies and global capacity centres—including Oracle, TCS and Technicolor—are expected to trim headcount further.

The war has triggered what the IEA called the largest oil supply disruption in the history. The spiral of prices is manifest—38 percent in the US, 27 percent in Spain, 30 percent in Canada, and 38 percent in the Philippines. Liquefied natural gas prices are up 60 percent in parts of Asia. Chemical and steel manufacturers in the EU have imposed surcharges of up to 30 percent. Jet fuel has almost doubled in North America. Shipping and logistics companies have implemented fuel surcharges. Effectively, the cost of production is higher, the cost of transportation is spiralling and the cost of insurance is spiking.

This, naturally, casts a shadow on global growth. The IMF warns that the 2025 momentum has halted. The global fuel mix is largely thermal—gas, crude and coal. The IMF warned that in an adverse scenario, global growth could fall below 2.5 percent and inflation rise to 5.4 percent, with an escalation possibly triggering a global recession.

The Hormuz Strait is a critical energy supply route for China, India, Japan and South Korea, which account for a big part of global output. Europe's growth, fragile before the war, is close to flat-lining. Growth in the US seems robust, but is dependent on billions being poured into the promise of productivity. Ratings agency Fitch warned this week that the US's debt level is higher than AA-rated nations' and will touch 120 percent of GDP.

The most dangerous consequence of the war may not be visible in today's data—the structural damage to the world order. In India, the post-poll piper is yet to arrive for collecting payment. The election cycle is over. The question the political class must address in earnest is how we navigate an era where the familiar has been rendered uncertain and uncertainty is a constant.

PAID PROPHECY, NOT PSEPHOLOGY

POWER & POLITICS

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PSEPHOLOGY, in its proper pedigree, is a careful craft. It descends from the calculations of Pierre-Simon Laplace and the scruples of statistics within the sober study of political science. The exit polls India witnessed last week showed psephology as pantomime. Over a dozen organisations including CVoter, Axis My India, Today's Chanakya, Matrize, CNX and P-MARQ produced seat projections, vote share estimates and detailed caste-wise breakdowns across states as diverse and complex as West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.

The running theme was near-identical. The BJP was positioned for substantial gains across multiple states. Some agencies appeared a full day after the final phase of polling concluded not one of these agencies disclosed its ownership structure, named its institutional backer, declared its client relationships with state governments or political parties, or published its methodology. They appeared, pronounced and disappeared to be recalled by the same channels at the next election, regardless of accuracy.

Their chief qualification seemed less methodological mastery and more media malleability: the readiness to rehearse results before the real results arrived. The historical record on accuracy is not flattering. In the 2021 West Bengal elections, the aggregated poll of polls estimated the TMC would win approximately 156 seats and the BJP approximately 121 in a 294-seat assembly. The actual result was TMC 215, BJP 77. The exit polls underestimated the TMC by about 60 seats and overestimated the BJP by more than 40—a collective structural failure, not a marginal rounding error. In the 2024 Haryana elections, every major agency projected a decisive Congress majority of 44-65 seats with the BJP trailing at 15-28. The BJP won 48 seats and returned to power for an unprecedented third consecutive term.

In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, multiple agencies predicted the NDA would cross 350 seats. The BJP ended with 240. The consistency of these failures reveals a pattern more troubling than random inaccuracy. India's exit polls demonstrate a documented tendency to cluster projections in a manner the British polling inquiry identified as herding, whereby pollsters consciously or unconsciously adjust their numbers towards each other to avoid the professional embarrassment of standing alone with a contrarian prediction.

SOURAV ROY

Several agencies this week released precise caste and community voting patterns for Bengal and Tamil Nadu, with exact percentages of Scheduled Caste voters, OBC preferences and minority behaviour. This data does not officially exist. No credible institution maintains a verified real-time caste database accessible in the hours immediately following polling. When an exit poll agency publishes such figures, it is fabricating a sociological narrative in numerical disguise and broadcasting it to an audience with no mechanism for verification.

In Britain, organisations that publish political polls must be members of the British Polling Council, which mandates full disclosure of methodology, sample size, weighting procedures, fieldwork dates and commissioning identity. Full data tables must be published within two working days. When British pollsters failed in the 2015 general election, the British Polling Council and Market Research Society commissioned an independent LSE-led inquiry that produced 12 methodological reforms which the industry adopted. In the US, the National Council on Published Polls requires disclosure of sample sizes, margins of error, question wording and funding sources, with professional consequences for non-compliance.

In India, no such principle operates. Beyond the Election Commission's prohibition on publishing exit polls until voting concludes, there is no registration requirement, obligation to publish methodology or a professional body with enforceable standards. The same agencies that missed Bengal 2021 by 60 seats were invited back for Lok Sabha 2024. The same agencies that declared Congress victorious in Haryana were projecting outcomes for Tamil Nadu.

Failure is not merely tolerated. It is rewarded with renewed commissions and expanded airtime, because TV channels are not purchasing accuracy. They are purchasing content that fills the vacuum between the conclusion of voting and the declaration of results while inflation, the plummeting rupee and the energy crisis wait patiently outside the studio.

Tomorrow, when ballots are counted across Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam and Puducherry, the reckoning arrives conducted by the most impartial examiner available to a democracy, which is reality itself. Examine this week's projections carefully. Every agency has shielded its predictions behind arithmetically improbable ranges, projecting not a number but a spread wide enough to render the prediction technically unfalsifiable. An agency projecting the BJP at between 130 and 175 seats in a 294-seat assembly cannot be wrong if the party wins 131 or 174. An agency projecting the TMC at between 100 and 155 has covered a range capacious enough to contain almost any conceivable result. These ranges are escape hatches engineered to ensure that no matter what counting reveals on Monday, the agency can point to some corner of its projection and declare vindication.

But Monday's counting will expose not merely whether an agency correctly identified the winning party, but whether its seat estimates bore any relationship to the actual distribution of victories across constituencies, and whether its fabricated caste-wise data had any empirical correspondence to what actually happened at the ballot box.

There is, moreover, a more sinister question that Monday's results may illuminate. When a dozen agencies independently arrive at virtually identical seat projections for five elections covering crores of voters, one of three explanations must hold. Either rigorous independent survey produced identical conclusions by coincidence statistically implausible. Or several agencies worked from shared data of undisclosed provenance, raising the question of whose data it is. Or some projections were designed to reflect a desired outcome rather than a reality measured with psephology.

May 4 will not definitively resolve which explanation holds. But it will provide the evidentiary foundation for a more honest public reckoning with the question than India has so far managed. Exit polls that shroud their ownership, conjure their caste calculus and engineer elastic ranges pollute democratic discourse. India's elections—vast, volatile and vulnerable—are among the most intricate exercises in modern democracy. They unfold not in studios but in sun-scorched streets and rain-lashed rural routes, where voters queue with a patience that puts punditry to shame.

Across constituencies that cameras seldom capture and commentators rarely comprehend, choices are made with quiet conviction. To process that collective will through a commercial contraption is to trade democratic dignity for televisual drama. It is, at its irreducible essence, contempt for the voter dressed in the borrowed vocabulary of science. Monday's counting will not cure that contempt. But it may finally make it impossible to deny.

STORYTELLING IN THE AGE OF DATA

OPINION

GEETHA RAVICHANDRAN

Former bureaucrat and author of *The Spell of the Rain Tree*

IN times when knowledge is stored and remixed as data, the tradition of storytelling still holds its own. The use of data-driven analytics to reach voters has become increasingly common in elections. However, the highlight of a campaign is the candidates addressing constituents and sharing stories of struggle and commitment. This is what strikes a chord. In an information-dense environment, stories capture the attention of audiences and can be the game-changer, especially when scepticism about facts prevail.

Historically, storytelling was woven into the fabric of society. Among marginalised communities, it evolved as a challenge to authority. Myths and legends served as emblems of protest and dissent. At the same time, storytelling was also used to perpetuate and enforce societal norms. When a story resonates with listeners, it is in turn an invitation for them to share their own stories. This was witnessed during the MeToo movement, when survivors were empowered to speak out and shake off the fear of stigma. The stories galvanised support for change and justice. The result was a strengthening of workplace mechanisms to prevent harassment.

Many organisations working for social advocacy also create 'story banks', documenting experiences to articulate their cause. Personal stories of young mothers struggling with demands of work and home and youngsters facing a choppy job market are increasingly heard on social media platforms, which invite engagement. Stand-up comedy is a popular form of storytelling, where nothing is off-limits and the audience finds catharsis in laughter.

The emergence of cryptocurrency is another example of the collective power of storytelling, which helped develop and sustain a volatile market. Crypto defied the logic of traditional finance. Built on decentralised blockchain technology, its growth and popularity was fuelled by narrative, especially memetic stories shared online. Deconstructing stories of gains and losses provided a framework to navigate uncertain terrains, and enable decision-making to create market momentum.

In today's world, enterprises and governments increasingly follow various models of data-driven decision making. But very often, it's the story that cuts through the analytics and numbers that makes an impact. If the metrics capture performance indicators, it's the stories that draw a roadmap of the consequences. Storytelling serves not merely as a marketing tool, but as a qualitative measure of the outcomes. Writer Yuval Norah Harari says stories help humans cooperate. A story engages emotions, offers perspectives and helps people decide on participation.

Preliterate societies relied on storytelling as a means of transmitting knowledge and traditions. In many communities, learning still happens through closely guarded oral transmission rites. Among Australian Aborigines, songlines served to map a landscape, locating waterholes in the desert. Such traditions preserved histories and geographies in memory, which became the bedrock of group identity and cohesion. Almost every region in India has vibrant oral traditions that carry forward the cultural legacy of centuries. Oppressed communities which were excluded from access to education often have rich oral traditions. Their culture mirrors an extraordinary resilience by which they overcame challenges.

Even as number-crunching is given greater importance, storytelling is what captures attention. Narratives helped propel phenomenons as diverse as the MeToo movement and the rise of cryptocurrencies

Storytelling as pedagogy is being widely adopted in the school curriculum, especially by the CBSE. This strategy aims to tackle the challenges in the learning environment, as digital learning often results in distraction and reduced attention spans. Storytelling, through the immediacy of presence, conveys trust to listeners. As the story initially builds tension and ultimately proffers a resolution, it piques interest, invites participation and accentuates sensory memory. It is thus an invaluable tool to reinforce learning.

Digital media offers a platform for oral traditions, while AI seeks to augment and replicate the human voice. However, AI tools are no match for the originality and spontaneity of human expression. As AI devices listen, respond and fabricate stories, the distinction between lived experience and simulation becomes starker. It is also important to note that the scope of manipulation, propaganda and dilution tend to make digital voices unreliable. Algorithms can amplify or suppress stories to an extent that the reach of a story can be mistaken for authenticity.

Storytelling has enabled humans to dominate other species, and navigate uncertainty and violence. Stories have been the crucible for dreams and fantasies. Folklore based on collective memory is still treasured, for they foster values, help us see the larger picture and discover recursive meanings.

Even as stories get layered within stories, they distil human experience, which is beyond the capacity of any data-guzzling AI tool. Ultimately, stories are a reminder of the human essence—that the whole is more than the sum of its parts.

(Views are personal)

QUOTE CORNER

It has been repeatedly, and overwhelmingly, reauthorised by the people's representatives in Congress. Only they have the right to say it is no longer needed—not the members of this court. I dissent, then, from this latest chapter in the majority's now-completed demolition of the Voting Rights Act.

Justice Elena Kagan in dissent note against the US Supreme Court's majority decision to "wreck" the civil rights law of 1965

Kerala... is among the richest states without dynamic agriculture, manufacturing, or IT services. Remittances partially explain the puzzle.

Arvind Subramanian, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics and former Chief Economic Adviser, government of India

Oh man. We literally can't come up with a single joke sharp enough to match whatever this is. He has officially broken comedy.

Iranian embassy in Austria, on its official X account, reacting to Trump posting a meme of himself with a gun, saying 'No more Mr Nice Guy'

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Post-poll burden

Ref: *Commercial LPG refill cost up* (May 2). The increase immediately after elections raises serious concerns. The timing creates a strong impression that pricing decisions were delayed for political reasons and that petrol, diesel and even household gas prices may rise next. For common citizens and small businesses, this is a heavy burden, increasing daily expenses and reducing savings. It gives the feeling that citizens are important only during voting. At a time people expect relief, such decisions add financial stress and uncertainty.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Mass apathy

Ref: *Special bench to hear TMC plea* (Amy 2). The nation is looking at May 4 seemingly with the hope that after the new Assemblies are formed, there will be milk and honey flowing on the streets. We don't realise that a considerable number of the candidates have criminal records. We will forget the election promises for five years and go back our regular lives with movies, rituals, caste bias, liquor addiction, harassment of women, and the political game of 'purifying' the corrupt by defection. We won't bother about our bad roads, polluted environment, contaminated water, and atrocities against innocent girls and voiceless people. How can we expect clean governance from the winning parties?

Rajakumar Arulanandham, Tirunelveli

Law's mockery

Ref: *Need to turn the law on turncoats* (May 2). The recent shift of seven AAP Rajya Sabha MPs to the BJP again made a mockery of the law. Over the last decade, India has witnessed several major defections leading to the fall state governments that had secured majority through elections. The Supreme Court must intervene to save the face of democracy and the trust of the people in government. A law must be enacted to take away the right to fight future elections from those who defect.

Navneet Seth, Talwandi Sabo

Democratic strength

Ref: *Democracy dies a thousand deaths* (May 2). China and Singapore offer powerful alternatives to democracy. China's centralised, authoritarian model enforces strict control and decisive governance. Singapore's hybrid system blends meritocratic discipline, strict laws and limited political freedom without Western-style populism. In contrast, India's elections reek of money, muscle power and pecuniary inducements. But democracy means that the public has to make the right choice. Despite the challenges, Indian democracy will never die.

A Thirugnanasambantham, Coimbatore

Choosing judges

Ref: *Kejriwal says won't appear before Justice Swarna Kanta* (May 2). Our dear former Delhi CM has taken a principled stand and refused to attend proceedings in a court presided over by a judge he has no trust in. It is time we take such stands. The judge should be of our choice and, if not, we should be free to boycott. This is a paradigm shift in our jurisprudence. Do not be surprised if all innocents accused of crimes look for friendly judges. This would help increase the cash in circulation.

George K Mariam, Chennai

Campus vibrancy

Ref: *Campus as a crucible* (May 1). Shashi Tharoor's column powerfully redefines student politics as democracy's training ground. His call to limit partisan intrusion while nurturing independent, issue-based engagement is timely and vital. Universities must shape critical thinkers and responsible citizens, ensuring campuses remain vibrant spaces where ideas flourish and democracy is strengthened.

A C Vineeth Kumar, Thrissur

Laxman rekha

Ref: *Relief for Khera* (May 2). Pawan Khera gets worked up and into trouble all too often. This is not the first time the court reprimanded him for attacking a leader personally. To drag a chief minister's wife into question is unethical. It is time Khera is clearly warned against crossing Laxman rekhas.

Raghavendra Rao Vuppu, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
In 2011 we used to take EVMs to strongrooms & leave them for CAPF to guard. Today we take EVMs to strongrooms & stay there to guard them from CAPF.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
If the star campaigner CM of UP has returned from his election tourism, then he must see sorry state of the most prestigious hospital in the state capital.

JP Nadda @JPNadda
We must expand manufacturing, build resilience, and move toward self-reliance. Global uncertainties highlight the need to turn challenges into opportunities.

Op Sindoor recasts drone doctrine in Kutch

During 2025 hostilities, Pak had launched an estimated 1,000 low-grade Chinese, Turkish-origin UAVs in salt desert

JAVARIA RANA @ Bhuj

IN Kutch, the ground won't hold, distances deceive and salt-laden air degrades men and machines. The Army operates across two distinct battlespaces: the western tidal creek belt, where shifting channels and tides dictate mobility, and the inland desert, where exposed stretches complicate movement, targeting and sustainment. After last year's hostilities with Pakistan, posture has been recalibrated for this harsh theatre.

Border where fencing fails

Kutch served as an early probing ground before Operation Gibraltar and the wider 1965 war. With disputed Sir Creek and harsh terrain, control relies on surveillance, patrol, mobility, and integrated brigade capabilities. The Army's 75 Independent Infantry Brigade Group, based at Bhuj, functions as a self-contained formation, with artillery, air defence and engineers built organically into the unit, alongside an embedded ordnance company.

Speaking to this paper, Brigadier Neeraj Khajuria, who commands the brigade, described the Rann Creek sector as "among the Army's most demanding operational environments outside Siachen", shaped by "harsh terrain, dispersed deployment and the need for close multi-agency coordination". He said Operation Sindoor demanded a calibrated posture that balanced defence with rapid response in "a complex environment".

Troops here contend not just with hostile geography but also venomous snakes, scorpions and marsh fauna. In the creek area, mobility is waterborne and tide-dependent. A specialised Sapper detachment attached to the brigade operates Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) through shallow channels, conducting patrol, surveillance and insertion tasks. Here, engineers effectively function as the primary manoeuvre force.

A tactical drill illustrated this operating pattern. FPVs advanced in assault waves organised into vanguard, main body and rearguard. Forward elements conducted reconnaissance and deception, the rear secured depth and the main body closed on simulated shoreline enemy positions. Above them, UAVs maintained persistent ISR coverage while weaponised drones operated alongside the formation.

Robotic mules moved near waterlines, All Terrain Vehicles exploited firmer creek edges and foot patrols crossed marsh stretches where mechanised mobility failed. Indigenously upgraded L-70 air defence guns were positioned inland during the drill, providing low-altitude cover. These same systems proved critical during Operation Sindoor.

Where distance lies and salt eats steel

Inland, constraints shift. The Kutch desert permits firepower deployment, but movement becomes the central challenge. Roads are sparse, tracks unreliable and load-bearing uneven, placing mobility burdens on ATVs for troops and logistics. Armour is used selectively, with T-72 tanks fitted with cope cages reflecting adaptation to drone warfare seen in Operation Sindoor. Artillery remains available but terrain-limited; 130 mm M-46 guns provide long-range support under stable conditions. Here, heat mirages distort line-of-sight, degrading targeting accuracy. Even at short ranges, depth perception becomes deceptive.

How Op Sindoor changed Kutch defence landscape

Even before Operation Sindoor, the Army had begun integrating UAVs into its operational matrix, but last year's hostilities turned that evolution into a doctrinal inflection point. Nearly 1,000 UAVs, largely low-grade Chinese and Turkish-origin platforms along with some suicide drones, were launched by Pakistan across the western frontier. The response was layered, with air defence guns, counter-UAS systems and surveillance networks operating in an integrated grid. Since then, UAVs have been pushed to lower tactical levels, counter-drone capability standardised and survivability measures like cope cages institutionalised.

In Kutch, this shift is evident in terrain adaptation. UAVs offset mobility constraints by delivering supplies to forward positions and providing real-time ISR and fire correction, improving targeting precision.

Post Operation Sindoor, activity along the western coastline has intensified, with India reinforcing presence, surveillance and mobility. As Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said in Bhuj, any aggression in Sir Creek will invite a decisive response.

The infrastructure underpinning that warning is already visible. Drone labs operate from forward positions. UAVs take over targeting when heat mirages distort optical systems. Logistics drones push supplies where roads cannot. In this sector, where the ground itself resists occupation, battlefield advantage increasingly belongs to the force that can see farther, adapt faster and act first.

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KUTCH
Kutch is split between a tidal creek belt and an inland desert, creating two distinct operational environments
In the creek sector, Sir Creek and shifting channels make fencing and fixed boundary control unfeasible
TIDES, TROOPS & TECH
This vulnerability has roots in the April 9, 1965, assault by Pakistan's 51 Brigade Group on Rann of Kutch posts
During that engagement, two companies of 2nd Battalion CRPF reportedly stalled the brigade-level attack
OVER 100 PAK UAVs WERE ENGAGED THROUGH L70 GUNS IN THE KUTCH SECTOR DURING OPERATION SINDOOR
THE SECTOR IS NOW HELD BY THE 75 INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP AT BHUJ AS A SELF-CONTAINED FORMATION
In the creek belt, Army Sapper-operated Fast Patrol Vessels provide tide-based mobility for patrol & surveillance
Escalation involving 1,000 UAVs across western frontier, accelerated India's drone warfare integration

THE VOTER & THE VERDICT

WHEN VOTERS GET THEIR SAY, SURVEYS MATTER LITTLE

CITHARA PAUL

MANDAR PARDIKAR

EVERY election in India has had a story to tell and at the heart of every story is the average Indian voter; an enigma to many. The story of the just concluded Assembly elections to the four states—West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu & Kerala—and the UT of Puducherry is no different. As the countdown has started, results will be declared on May 4; political parties are trying their best to fathom what happened inside the mind space of these voters. But they remain as elusive and enigmatic as ever despite a bevy of exit polls streaming out from different corners.

The only twist in the tale this time, for the Indian voter, was the fact that this election was more of a question of proving one's existential identity than a democratic exercise. Due to the "purification of electoral rolls"—officially known as special intensive revision (SIR)—casting vote was more of a necessity than a question of political choice. As millions were ousted from the voter's list, this election also became an exercise to prove one's 'Indianness.' And the 'Indian voter' has done his or her best if the polling percentages are anything to go by. Every state which went into elections has recorded its highest polling percentage in an Assembly election—93 % in West Bengal, 86% in Assam, 85 % in Tamil Nadu and 78.27% in Kerala. Puducherry also had a historic turnout of 89.87%.

The 'Indian voter' holds the key to the story and only s/he knows how the story will be played out for the major political players. While both the BJP and the INC are contesting in all the four states, the latter is not a force to reckon with except in Assam and Kerala. The eastward and southward push of BJP is being watched keenly as they will have a huge ramification in the polls to come. How the increase in the voters' turnout and the deletion of voters will affect the fortunes of political parties is yet to be understood fully and in that way, the story of the election could well be a game changer for the elections to come.

The 'women angle'

Another fascinating facet of this election is the 'women voter,' whose numbers have outnumbered the male counterparts in all four states that have gone to voting. For example; women recorded a voter turnout of 85.76%, compared to 83.57% for men in Tamil Nadu. The other states have similar stories to tell about the women's participation. In West Bengal, women's turnout reached 92%—considered extraordinary even for West Bengal, a political space where women are heard and seen more than any other state in the country.

Is the 'she voter' different from the 'he voter' in the larger Indian context? It, indeed, is. Politics in India has always been a male dominated space. (It still is, to a large extent.) Women have casted their votes ever since the first general elections but they were never counted as individuals with free will as most often their political choices used to mirror the choices of the men in their families. But not anymore. Women, at least a large section , no longer align automatically with the political loyalties of their male counterparts. They are making choices according to their lived life experiences. In other words, casting the vote, for them, is not a family obligation but an act of self expression.

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And this increasing presence of the ₹she voter' has been dutifully noticed by all the political fronts in all the four states. Schemes and policies tailor made to attract women voters were announced by all the political parties in all these states. How far the woman voter has got hooked to these promises, only time will tell.

Casting a vote , especially for the 'Indian voter,' has never been just about choosing a candidate over the other. For many, it would be the only phase in their life where they feel valued socially and politically. Hence, it is an act of agency , a way of asserting one's right to shape the future of the nation, along with shaping one's own destiny. Voting has always been a deeply empowering act and the ₹Indian Voter' with all his/her might have done exactly that this time too. The 'Indian voter,' however, still remains as an enigma. At least, till the ballot boxes are opened tomorrow.

Canada intel report says Khalistani elements pose national security threat

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A DISTINCTION

1. Intel agency said no K-attacks took place in Canada last year
2. "A small group uses Canada to plan violence in India," it added
3. The intel report has drawn a distinction between violent extremism and peaceful Khalistan

CANADA'S intelligence agency on Friday said Khalistani extremists continue to pose security threat in the country. "Ongoing involvement in violent extremist activities by Khalistani extremists continues to pose a national security threat to Canada and to Canadian interests," said the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) report 2025, tabled in Parliament.

It, however, said no attacks linked to such elements took place in the country last year as "only a small group use Canada as a base to promote, fundraise, or plan violence primarily in India." For the first time, the CSIS report used the term "Canada-based Khalistani extremist (CBKE)", drawing a distinction between violent extremism and peaceful political advocacy for Khalistan.

"Politically motivated violent extremism (PMVE) encourages use of violence to establish new political systems, or new structures or norms within existing systems," it said. The report highlighted the anniversary of 1985 Air India flight 182 Kanishka bombing. "The past year marked the 40th anniversary of the bombing of AI Flight 182, whose suspects were members of CBKE groups. It remains to this day the deadliest terrorist attack in Canadian history," the report read. Some CBKEs are connected to Canadian citizens who leverage Canadian institutions to promote their violent agenda. "Some Canadians participate in legitimate and peaceful campaigning to support the Khalistan separatist movement," the report said.

In 2025, twelve groups were added as terrorist entities, including Bishnoi gang.

'Extremely severe alerts' as emergency system tested

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA on Friday tested its first indigenously made emergency alert system on mobile phones, triggering a sharp beeping sound, vibrations, and a warning message for a few seconds across parts of the country.

The alert left many people confused, with some initially mistaking it for a fire alarm or a technical glitch. However, on reading the message, users realised it was part of a government test. The alert read: "Alert citizens, safe nation. No action is required by the public upon receipt of this message."

One person driving a car said that the moment he heard the loud beep, he immediately pulled over, thinking it was a warning from his vehicle. Another user said all the phones at home suddenly started beeping and vibrating, giving the impression that their devices had been hacked. A third person said that when his phone started making the sound, he initially thought it had malfunctioned, until he read the message, which says: "This is a TEST Cell Broadcast message sent by the National Disaster Management Authority in coordination with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, as part of testing the Cell Broadcast solution for disseminating alerts. During the testing of the Cell Broadcast solution, you may receive this message multiple times on your mobile handset. Please ignore these message(s); no action is required at your end."

PARVEEN NEGI

Extremely severe alert
India launches Cell Broadcast using indigenous technology, for instant disaster alerting service for its citizens.
Alert citizens, safe nation. No action is required by the public upon receipt of this message. This is a test message. - Government of India.
OK

At present, the government issues disaster alerts through SMS, but these are often missed or ignored. To improve this, the government has introduced Cell Broadcast (CB) technology alongside SMS alerts. This is especially useful in time-critical situations such as tsunamis, earthquakes, lightning strikes, and man-made emergencies like gas leaks or chemical hazards. In a cell broadcast system, alerts are sent simultaneously to all mobile devices within a specific geographic area, ensuring near real-time delivery.

The indigenous technology has been developed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) under the Ministry of Communications, in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), to ensure timely dissemination of critical information to citizens.

NDMA has already operationalised the Integrated Alert System (SACHET), developed by the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT). It delivers disaster and emergency alerts via SMS to mobile users in geotargeted areas across all 36 states and Union Territories.

Union Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, who launched the cell broadcast alert system on Saturday, said, "The self-reliant solution can reach every village, town, and region, including the Himalayas, coastal areas, and the north-eastern highlands. It does not require phone databases or data systems and is operator-agnostic, allowing all telecom service providers to connect."

March int'l travels dip after West Asia crisis: AAI

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE effect of the ongoing geopolitical tensions between the US-Israel and Iran has caused a major dent in international travel from India since then.

According to the Air Traffic Report released by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), there was an 18.5% dip in outbound travel from India during March this year against the steady monthly improvement in patronage in previous months.

The war, closure of airspace by countries and the cancellations of flights to cities in Western Asia as well as the detour to be taken to Europe and the US by flights from India made international travel a nightmare.

The crippling restriction imposed on operations at Dubai International Airport for foreign airlines, a hugely popular destination for Indians, severely impacted travel. Simultaneously, the cancellation of operations to Qatar, a key transit point that connects India with important international markets, dented travel from India.

Only 3.4 lakh flyers from India went abroad in March 2026 as compared to 65.4 lakh in March 2025, thereby causing a major slide of 18.5%. Data released in the previous months reveal that air travel in February this year stood at 65.9 lakh passengers, recording a 3% increase over 64 lakh flyers during February last year. January 2026 witnessed a very healthy growth of 7.1% in international travel, with 77.6 lakh passengers as against 72.4 lakh passengers in January 2025.

The air traffic movement (arrivals and departures) from India for March too has shown a drastic dip of 21.3%. The international travel scene from India is expected to pick up from May as the two biggest operators to the Gulf have announced the complete restoration of their operations to the aviation nerve centre here, Doha. Air India Express reinstated its operations from April 30 to Qatar with flights from Kochi and Kozhikode to Doha, while IndiGo reinstated its regular schedule of over 60 weekly flights to Doha from the cities of Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kannur, Kochi and Mumbai from May 1. Air India has announced curtailing its international schedule until July due to fuel surges and airspace curbs.

AAI's report also shared details on the air travel for the financial year 2025-2026 as compared to 2024-2025. For the just-concluded financial year, international traffic from India stood at 8,06,41,496 passengers marking an overall increase of 4.2% over 7,73,82,159 passengers in the previous fiscal.

Domestic travel registered a 1.4% increase in travel in the just-concluded financial year with 33, 94,46,306 flyers as compared to 33,47,03,952 flyers during 2024-2025. The ATM for the financial years compared has shown an improvement of 2.4% in 2025-2026 over the previous financial year.

KC reappointed as PAC chairperson, 4 House panels for '26-'27 formed

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

LOK Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Saturday announced the reconstitution of four key parliamentary committees for 2026–27, with several senior members retaining leadership roles.

Among the appointments, Congress MP KC Venugopal has been reappointed as chairperson of the influential Public Accounts Committee (PAC). The committees—Public Accounts, Estimates, Public Undertakings and the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs)–are reconstituted annually as per parliamentary rules. Their previous term ended on April 30, and the new term commenced on May 1, extending until April 30, 2027.

From the ruling BJP, Faggan Singh Kulaste will continue as chairperson of the Committee on the Welfare of SCs and STs, whereas Baijayant Jay Panda and Sanjay Jaiswal have retained chairmanship of the Committee on Public Undertakings and another important parliamentary panel, respectively.

These committees play a crucial role in overseeing government functioning, scrutinising departmental reports, recommending policy measures, and deliberating on issues of public importance. Chairpersons are elected from among committee members through a system of proportional representation using a single transferable vote.

15 members from LS and seven from Upper House

The Public Accounts Committee includes up to 22 members, with 15 from the Lok Sabha and up to seven from the Rajya Sabha. The PAC operates under Rule 308(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha.

In terms of composition, the Committee on the Welfare of SCs and STs comprises 30 members—20 elected from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha. The Committee on Public Undertakings has 22 members, including 15 from the Lok Sabha and seven nominated by the Rajya Sabha. The Estimates Committee consists of 30 members, all elected annually by the Lok Sabha. The Public Accounts Committee includes up to 22 members, with 15 from the Lok Sabha and up to seven from the Rajya Sabha.

DROWNING
Three members of a family drowned in Aji Dam in Rajkot district of Gujarat on Saturday afternoon while another person was missing, police said. The incident occurred at around 4 pm.

17 HELD FOR DUPING MAN OF ₹5.30 CR IN RAJASTHAN

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	28	Mumbai	34	28
Bhopal	39	24	Panaji	33	27
Jaipur	37	25	Patna	38	26
Amritsar	35	22	Lucknow	40	25
Chennai	40	29	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	36	27	Imphal	31	19
Srinagar	24	09	Chandigarh	35	21

165 counting & 77 police observers in Bengal to ensure 'intimidation-free' counting on May 4 ● Says people have voted for a change in state

Additional observers for counting

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission deployed 165 additional counting observers and 77 police observers in West Bengal on Saturday as part of its monitoring network for the counting of votes for assembly elections, scheduled for Monday. The move, the commission said, is intended to ensure that the counting process is conducted in a "secure, peaceful, intimidation-free and transparent" manner.

The additional counting observers will assist the 294 such observers already deployed per constituency in 165 Assembly constituencies having more than one counting hall.

The appointments have been made under Article 324 of the Constitution and relevant provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, with all observers functioning under the EC's direct supervision.

The heightened vigil came amid escalating political tensions in the state, particularly following allegations made by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. She has repeatedly expressed concerns over possible tempering in electronic voting machines (EVMs) and urged her party workers to maintain continuous surveillance of strong rooms where the EVMs are stored. Banerjee also visited a strong room facility in Kolkata, intensifying the political atmosphere.

The Trinamool Congress has alleged lapses in strong room security, including claims of CCTV malfunctions and unauthorised access. But, the BJP has rejected these allegations, resulting in a sharp exchange of words between rival camps.

According to the poll body, additional counting observers have been assigned to constituencies with multiple counting halls to assist in overseeing operations. Police observers will supervise security arrangements around counting centres and ensure compliance with established protocols, although they will not be allowed inside counting halls.

The EC has also introduced stricter access controls. Only individuals with QR code-based photo identity cards generated through ECINet will be permitted entry. Mobile phone usage inside counting halls will be restricted to the counting observer and the returning officer.

Security personnel outside a strongroom in Kolkata; (R) A screengrab of suspended OC Goutam Das' controversial post | EXPRESS/PTI

'Ready for new assignment' post by cop triggers row

Kolkata Police has suspended the Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Kalighat Police Station (PS), Goutam Das, after his social media post surfaced on Saturday, triggering controversy. Das had shared a picture holding a modern firearm with the caption 'ready for new assignment' on Facebook and WhatsApp. TMC state vice-president Jayprakash Majumdar shared the image on X and brought it to the EC's attention.

Didi, Abhishek prep poll agents for result day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Saturday spoke to the counting agents of the party during a meeting and said that TMC will secure over 200 of the 294 assembly seats, two days ahead of the counting of votes polled.

The leaders, who held a virtual meeting with counting agents of 291 assembly seats, also told them that they should regularly update the leadership about the situation at counting centres and must remain there till the end of the exercise.

The chief minister also asked counting agents not to give importance to the "propaganda and campaign by the BJP and its allies" about the number of seats they would secure in the elections.

She said that the TMC will stand beside party activists, including the counting agents who were allegedly assaulted by central forces during voting or campaigning.

'In Assam to protect our candidates': DKS says BJP poaching Congress camp

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Congress has rushed senior leaders to "protect" its candidates in Assam ahead of election results to be declared on May 4. Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, former Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel and AICC general secretary Jitendra Singh took part in a meeting of the Congress-led six-party Opposition alliance in Guwahati on Saturday.

Briefing the media later, Shivakumar said the people of Assam have voted for change. "All of us will be alert here and we will see that we protect our candidates. You know that they try to do mischiefs. They have already tried to approach us. They have a fear of losing this election, so they are trying to approach our people," he said alluding to the ruling BJP.

"If they were so confident, then they would not have tried to contact any of us. The Congress and its alliance partners are confident that we will have a new government in Assam," he said, dismissing the exit polls. "We know that the official machinery will be misused. We have guided them what needs to be done. We will have a legal room in Delhi and another in Guwahati," he added.

Singh claimed the people of Assam want Opposition alliance victory to get respite from the BJP-led government's "misgovernance and betrayal." Assam Congress president Gaurav Gogoi reiterated that it would be a Congress-led government, claiming that women had cast conscience votes this time. Raijor Dal chief Akhil Gogoi said people voted to defeat the BJP. "We will win more than 70 seats and Gaurav Gogoi will be our chief minister," he said.

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'State will get a new govt'

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Death of cleric in UP triggers uproar in Bihar

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

FOLLOWING the death of a Maulana (cleric) in Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly last week, the residents of Kishanganj district in Bihar took out a candle march in protest of the incident, on Saturday.

Hours before the march, Janata Dal (United) MLA from Thakurganj, Gopal Kumar Agarwal, visited the family of the deceased Maulana, Tausif Alam, whose body was found on railway tracks in Uttar Pradesh' Bareilly district last week. The MLA offered his sympathies to Maulana's family and assured them of every possible assistance. The MLA stated that, if necessary, he would talk to Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath about this.

RJD's national working president Tejashwi Prasad Yadav and AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi also demanded a thorough investigation and appropriate action.

The deceased, Maulana Tauseef Raza from Kishanganj district, was an imam at a mosque in Siwan. Police said the family is expected to arrive on Sunday to lodge a formal complaint with the police station concerned in Uttar Pradesh. Maulana's family is also in the possession of a purported video clip of the victim alleging harassment inside a train. A senior officer of Uttar Pradesh police said that they would look into the case afresh.

4 DRG jawans killed in IED explosion during C'garh de-mining ops

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

FOUR District Reserve Guard (DRG) personnel lost their lives in an accidental Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast during the de-mining and area domination operation near the Kanker-Narayanpur border of Chhattisgarh on Saturday.

"A DRG team was deployed for a search and de-mining mission to sanitise the border regions within the Chhotebethiya police station limits. During the operation, the team encountered an IED previously planted by Maoists. Three jawans died on the spot while they were neutralising the device, and it detonated unexpectedly. Another personnel later succumbed to his injuries," said Nikhil Rakhecha, Kanker District Superintendent of Police.

The deceased have been identified as Inspector Sukhram Vatti and constables Krishna Komra and Sanjay Gadhpale. Constable Parmanand Komra, who sustained serious injuries and was evacuated to Raipur, died during treatment at a hospital.

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Expressing profound sorrow over the loss of the personnel, Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range), Sundarraj Pattilingam, said that security forces have been on high alert, successfully recovering and neutralising hundreds of concealed IEDs across the Bastar Range in recent months.

These operations have largely been driven by intelligence provided by surrendered Maoist cadres. "In a deeply unfortunate turn of events, the IED exploded while the Kanker police team was actively working to neutralise it," IG Sundarraj stated.

Rahul livid as Gujarat BJP chief takes a dig at Cong MP

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

GUJARAT BJP chief Jagdish Vishwakarma's remarks targeting Congress MP Geniben Thakor have triggered a sharp counterattack and intervention by Leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi.

After winning Congress stronghold Banaskantha in local body polls, BJP leaders gathered for a show of strength. Vishwakarma's remark in the gathering ignited a firestorm. In his address, Vishwakarma took direct aim at Geniben Thakor and Congress MLA Jignesh Mevani, declaring that the BJP had "snatched seats from the folds of Geniben's saree pallu", a remark that triggered outrage and backlash.

He doubled down by invoking the debate around the women's reservation Act, arguing that Congress had angered women voters and that those voters now "taught a lesson" through the ballot.

The response from Geniben Thakor was swift and uncompromising. Rejecting both tone and intent, she fired back, "Instead of addressing public issues, he (Vishwakarma) chose to insult. The language used is inappropriate, disrespectful, and against democratic values." Then came the line that cut straight through the controversy, "There are no seats in the pallu of a saree. This is not just a remark it is an insult to women's dignity and democracy," she said.

With that, the confrontation escalated. She demanded a public apology from Jagdish Vishwakarma and called on the BJP's top leadership to intervene, making it clear that electoral victory does not grant the licence to demean.

As the political temperature surged, Rahul Gandhi entered the fray, amplifying the attack and widening the battlefield beyond Gujarat. Taking to social media, Gandhi said, "The Gujarat BJP president has made rude comments on our Congress MP Geniben Thakor ji. The mask of 'Nari Vandan' has come off. This is not just embarrassing; it reflects BJP's anti-women mindset."

Sharpening the attack, he further said, "Women who question authority are not tolerated. This mentality gets exposed instantly. And BJP should remember women of Gujarat and across India will give a befitting reply to every insult."

The biggest escalation came last. Refusing to stay on the defensive, Geniben Thakor threw down a direct political challenge. "If Jagdish Vishwakarma contests from Banaskantha in 2027, I am ready to fight," the Congress MP declared, signaling a fierce showdown in the next assembly polls.

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Isolation to inclusion mantra in doorstep delivery

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THOUSANDS of families in the interior villages of Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh, many of which earlier lived under the shadow of Maoist terror, found official documents out of reach, not by choice but by distance. The district administration realised that long journeys, poor roads, and security concerns kept services away. To bridge this gap, in January the Narayanpur administration launched the Sushasan Express, a mobile governance initiative under the direct supervision of district collector Namrata Jain.

In the last four months, the initiative has begun to close that distance by bringing government services directly to these settlements. "The Sushasan Express initiative reflects our commitment to the principle of good governance, where every citizen receives the benefits meant for them," said Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai.

Residents avail facilities provided by 'Sushasan Express' in Chhattisgarh| EXPRESS

At least 10,682 Aadhaar updates completed

The outreach has not been limited to documentation, but has supported pension-related services, MGNREGA job cards, and poll-related Form-6 registrations. A key feature is Aadhaar service delivery. A total of 10,682 Aadhaar updates have been completed.

"For years, tough geography, scattered habitations, and security concerns kept many villages beyond the routine reach of administration. Basic services, such as identity registration, welfare enrolment, and grievance redress, often required long travel or remained inaccessible altogether. Sushasan Express changes that equation," the collector said.

Between January and now, the Sushasan Express has visited 72 out of the 112 panchayats in the district, reaching over 20 thousand doorsteps to cover beneficiaries across multiple schemes, she said.

The initiative operates as a travelling service centre. Officials and data operators move into remote habitations, set up temporary camps, and deliver services on the spot. A daily monitoring system is in place to track applications received, processed and pending, ensuring transparency and timely delivery.

The data reflects the scale of on-ground delivery. So far, 2,126 Aadhaar cards, 4,022 Ayushman cards, and 306 labour cards have been issued through this initiative. Services linked to essential documentation and livelihoods have also seen steady progress. This includes 713 birth and death certificates, 562 ration card issuances, 180 caste certificates, 104 income certificates, and 63 residence certificates. In addition, 233 services under the PM Samman Nidhi have been facilitated, according to the official data.

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SP MLAs demand funds parity with BJP lawmakers for development work

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AS the UP Assembly polls are inching closer, the concern about the work carried out during the past five years is gaining ground among the political players. It was well reflected when the Leader of Opposition in the state Assembly, Mata Prasad Pandey, wrote to CM Yogi Adityanath alleging unequal allocation of funds between MLAs of the ruling BJP and the Opposition parties under the state government's Twarit Arthik Vikas Yojana (Accelerated Economic Development Plan).

Seeking parity in allocation of funds, Pandey, in the letter dated April 29, said while MLAs from the ruling party were allocated up to ₹5 crore each for road construction works, those from the opposition received only ₹1 crore each.

Terming the allocations "unfair", Pandey stated that equal attention to all constituencies could bring about a balanced development. "The state cannot develop if only constituencies of one party are prioritised and grow," he wrote.

Urging the CM to ensure equal allocation in the state's interest, the LoP sought equal funds for the opposition MLAs in what he called the interest of the entire state.

As per sources, under the "discretionary" development schemes, allocations often depend on administrative approvals, project size, and recommendations at the district level. However, the Opposition leaders claim the current gap has limited their ability to carry out even basic infrastructural work, with smaller allocations translating into only a few minor road projects.

Sharing the details with media persons, Pandey said that though being a discretionary fund, there was a big gap in the projects approved for the opposition lawmakers and those of the ruling party. He claimed to have received ₹2.95 crore by virtue of being the Leader of Opposition. "That is not the case with the rest of the opposition MLAs," he stated.

Meanwhile, a senior BJP leader dismissed the allegations of disparity, saying it was a discretionary fund, based on the requirement.

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Buzz over Brij Bhushan's closeness to Akhilesh

In the run-up to the UP Assembly election due early next year, political circles are abuzz with speculation about BJP senior leader Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh's growing closeness with the SP camp. The theory gained momentum after Singh publicly praised SP chief Akhilesh Yadav for visiting BJP MLA Anupama Jaiswal at a private hospital in Lucknow. Jaiswal sustained some burn injuries while burning the effigy of Akhilesh as a mark of protest against SP for opposing the women's quota bill. Singh's recent remarks and reported backchannel conversations with SP leadership suggest that discussions between Singh and SP chief may be approaching a decisive stage.

App-based darshan in Kashi Vishwanath temple

The Kashi Vishwanath temple is going digital. Its managing body, the Kashi Vishwanath Temple Trust, has introduced an app-based darshan system for the Jyotirlinga. Trust CEO Vishwa Bhushan Mishra said devotees from various linguistic and regional backgrounds throng the Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham. He added that language and regional differences prevent them from having the desired ease of experience. "To improve this situation, the trust has introduced the app system, under which certain basic details of devotees will be collected," he said. A similar system for Sugam Darshan and Mangala Aarti are already in place.

Student scripts success tale extraordinaire

Defying the silent darkness, Sarah Moin has scripted a success tale extraordinaire. She, who cannot hear, speak, or see, has scored 98.75% in the ISC Class XII. The story of this student of Christ Church College, Lucknow, is one of grit, intellect, and unbreakable resolve. Living with sarcoidosis, a rare condition that gradually took away her vision, hearing, and speech capabilities, she had secured 95% in Class X—the milestone which gave her the confidence to push herself to achieve better, and now she is the college topper in Class XII. The scoresheet of Sarah, fondly called 'Helen Keller' by her teachers and peers, is a reflection of her triumph over her disabilities.

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The Department of Education, Administration of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, Kavaratti invites competitive open Tender Enquiry in single bid system for the supply of items for the setting up of Catering Lab at Government College of Arts & Science, Kadmat. Tender documents are available from the website **www.lakshadweep.gov.in.** The interested party can download and apply within the stipulated time.

Sd/- M BHARANI, DANICS
(DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION)

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through KPP Portal only)

KPCL invites tenders through "e" Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION

1) Tender No. KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4113 Dated: 30.04.2026 Casting and machining/providing and installation of Seat, valve, disc of MHV-SG and equalizing valve for dry fly system & other of Unit-1 Ash handling system at BTPS. Total amount put to tender: **Rs.41,06,431/- (Excluding GST)**. EMD: **Rs.82,200/-.** Last date and time for bid submission of bids: **13.05.2026, 17.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer (AHP)-1**, BTPS, KPCL, Kudithini-583152. Mobile: 94482 90768.

RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION

2) Tender No. KPCL/2026-27/PS/WORK_INDENT4129 Date: 30.04.2026 AMC of AC & Ventilation system of RTPS Green Building for a period of one year - excluding water cooled chiller and VRF air conditioners units. **EMD: Rs.40,800/-.** Last date for submission of bid (Bother Cover 1 & 2): **15.05.2026 up to 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer (LT-2)**, KPCL, RTPS, Shaktinagar-584170. Raichur Dist. Mob: 94495 96531. E-mail: eelt2@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **SRI.K.SUBBARAYA** S/o late Sri.Krishnamurthy Sastry, residing at No.350, 6th Main Road, BHCS Layout, Uttarahalli, Near Bangalore International School, Bengaluru-560061. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Municipal No.27 (CITB/BDA Site No.525/G)**, Property No.525/G/27, PID No.59-106-27, E.P.I.D.No.5718151836, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 2400 Sq.ft, with a building thereon, situated at **9th Cross Road, WKP Road, 7th Block Jayanagar**, Bengaluru, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.166-Karisandra and bounded as follows:

East by : Property bearing No.525/F
West by : Property bearing No.525/H
North by : Private Property
South by : Road

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Advocates & Solicitors
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BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division,
12th Main, 11th Cross, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru West City Corporation,
(Bengaluru Office Phone No: 080-23197031)

No: EE/MLP/TEND/E-PROC/02/2026-27 Date: 30.04.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only) (Single Cover System)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bengaluru West City Corporation or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways / MES/BBMP or any State Government Organizations.

The Tender Document can be downloaded from the GOK K-Procurement Website **(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** on payment of prescribed fee noted against each item of work (non refundable) in the form of e-Payment through KPP Platform. The Tenderer should accompany a copy of the Registration Certificate valid upto the year of 2026 and shall be submitted through KPP Portal. (Standard Tender Document - KW1).

Sl. No.	Name of the Work/Estimate cost (in Lakhs)/EMD amount in Rupees.
1	Establishment of Monsoon Temporary Control Room at Ward No: 36,37,38,39,40 & 41 Limits Of Nagapura Sub-Division For the Year 2026-27. Estimate Cost (in Lakhs) : **15.00,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 37,500**/-.
2	Establishment of Monsoon Temporary Control Room at Ward No: 42,43,44, 45,46 & 47 Limits Of Shankarmutt Sub-Division For the Year 2026-27. Estimate Cost (in Lakhs) : **15.00,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 37,500**/-.

Calendar of events:
1. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal from **02/05/2026 after 16:30 Hours.**
2. Last date for Receipt of Queries **06/05/2026** up to **15:00 hours**
3. Last Date for uploading the Filled proposals is **11/05/2026** up to **16:00 hours**
4. Date of Opening of Tender Proposals is **12/05/2026** after **16:30 hours** through KPP Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, BWCC

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For immovable property)

SBI/ Home Loan Centre /Krmangala//SISIR/HL/65219902599/65219908126

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notices dated 18/02/2026 issued, calling upon the Borrowers: **1) Sri.Chakravarthy.M** S/o. Moundhu Goundar. #1701. "Thirumurthy Nivas" 17th A Main, 7th Cross, J.P. Nagar, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560078. Also, at: **1)Sri.Chakravarthy.M**.S/o. MoundhuGoundar. M/s.HyperArtho Industries 42/1, Maranahalli Tank Bund (M.T.B) Jayanagar 5th Block, Behind Krishna KalyanMantapa, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560 041. **2) Sri.Chakravarthy.M** S/o. MoundhuGoundar. No. 1984, BBMP.No.57-92-1984, 4th Cross Road, 19 A Main, Opp: Corporation Bank & Club Sarakki Extension, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560078. BORROWER: **1) Sri. Narayana Swamy** S/o. MoundhuGoundar #1701. "Thirumurthy Nivas" 17th A Main, 7th Cross, J.P. Nagar, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru 560 078. Also, at: **1) Sri. Narayana Swamy** S/o. Moundhu Goundar M/s.Suma Industries No.1856, 18th A Main, Jayanagar 4 T Block Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560069. **2) Sri. Narayana Swamy** S/o. Moundhu Goundar No. 1984, BBMP.No.57-92-1984, 4th Cross Road, 19 A Main, Opp: Corporation Bank & Club Sarakki Extension, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560078. BORROWER:**1) Sri.Anandan** S/o. Moundhu Goundar #1701. "Thirumurthy Nivas" 17th A Main, 7th Cross, J.P. Nagar, 2nd Phase. Bengaluru-560 078. Also, at: **1) Sri.Anandan** S/o. Moundhu Goundar **M/s Anand Industries,** Shop No.1.18th Main Road AdiParasaksthi Temple, Jayanagar 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560 041.**2) Sri. Anandan** S/o. Moundhu Goundar #130, Maranhallipalya, JP Nagar 2nd Phase, JP Nagar, Bengaluru-560 078 **3) Sri.Anandan** S/o. Moundhu Goundar No. 1984, BBMP.No.57-92-1984, 4th Cross Road, 19 A Main, Opp: Corporation Bank & Club Sarakki Extension, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560 078, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being of **Rs. 1,41,09,439/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty-One Lakhs Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty -Nine Only) as on 17/02/2026, and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules, on **28-04-2026.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs. 1,43,64,015** (Rupees One Crore Forty-Three Lakh Sixty-Four Thousand and Fifteen Only) as on 27/04/2026, and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential Property bearing No.1984, Sarakki Extension 4th Cross Road, J.P. Nagar II Phase, Bangalore, BBMP Property & Identification No. 57-92-1984, measuring East to West (19.30+23.00 +21.30)/3 Meters and North to South 27.15 Meters, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the Surface bounded on EAST BY:Road, WEST BY: Site No. 1983, NORTH BY: Site No. 1985, SOUTH BY: Road.

Place : Bengaluru
Date: 28.04.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
SBI, Home Loan Center
Koramangala, Bangalore

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, MP&CS, K.R.Puram,
BECC, Old Madras Road, Bengaluru-560 036

No: BECC/EE(MP&CS)/TEND/02/2026-27 Date: 02.05.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer (MP&CS), BECC, Bengaluru-36, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, or GBA or BECC or equivalent Registration with/ KPWD/ CPWD/ BWSSB/ Railways/ MES/ National Highway or any state Government Organizations for the Services detailed in the table below.

S.N.	Name of the work
1	Procurement of Ride-on Street Sweeping Machines for sweeping roads in BECC Limits. **Approximate Amount put to tender Including GST:** Rs.26.85 lakhs. **EMD :** Rs.54,000/-.

Calendar of events: 1) Tender Documents can be Downloaded from 05.05.2026. 2) Pre bid meeting will be held on 08.05.2026 at 15.00 hours in the office of the Executive Engineer (MP&CS), K.R.Puram, Bengaluru-560036. 3) Last date of submission of tender documents on or before 15.05.2026. at 16.00 hours. 4) Technical Bids will be opened on 16.05.2026. At 16.30 Hours onwards.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (MP&CS)

Form no INC-26
[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another Before the Central Government South Western Region, Bengaluru

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 13(4) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND RULE 30 (a) OF THE COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES, 2014 AND IN THE MATTER OF M/S UNIVERSAL ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED ("THE COMPANY") (CIN: U31909KA2008PTC046170) HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT 2133, Gokulam, 1st Floor 15th Main, HAL 3rd Stage Bangalore -560 008
............PETITIONER

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting/ Extra ordinary general meeting held on 22-Jan-2026 to enable the company to change its Registered office from "State of Karnataka to "State of Kerala. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, within Fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

For and on behalf of the Applicant:
M/s UNIVERSAL ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED

Name of Director: Felix Simon (DIN: 02107853)
Address of registered office: NO 2133, Gokulam, 1st Floor 15th Main,
HAL 3rd Stage Bangalore -560 008 Date: 27-04-2026 | Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).
A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Shree Pla Private Limited, Jayakumar Sidappa (Deceased) Through Its Legal Heir Represented By Director Jayakumar Sidappa (Deceased) Through His/Her "Legal Heirs" Survey No. 154, Kodigehalli Village Magadi Road, Ma Machohalli Gate Sri Jnanashakthi Subrahmanya Temple Bangalore-560091/'414051000001	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel The For Property Bearing New Sy.no.154 Measuring 12.1/4 Guntas Out of 2 Acres Situated At Kodigehalli Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk And Bounded On Below (Admeasuring An Area of 12.1/4 Guntas Admeasuring An Area of Bounded By: North: Land Belongs To Nitin Kumar South: Private Property East: Drainage West : Road	March 20, 2026 Rs. 4,92,48,966.98/-	30/04/2025
2.	Habeeb Rahmathullah Anees Fathima Represented By Proprietor Anees Fathima 153 Prestige Ozone Behind Forum Value Mall Whai Whaitfield Bangalore-560066/' 194805000293	Schedule 'A' Property All That Property Bearing Sy. Nos.143/2-4, 144/1-10, 150/1-4, 151/2-5, 152 & 153/1 Bearing Khata No.210 And Sy Nos. 143/1, 143/5, 151/1, 151/6, Bearing Khata No. 290 Together Measuring 42 Acres 35 Guntas, Situated At Hagadur Village, Hagadur Village Panchayath, Krishnarajapuram Hobil, Bangalore South Taluk And Sy.nos.51/1, 51/2, 51/3 Together Measuring 1 Acre 2 Guntas Bearing Khata Nos. 756, 757 And 758 (Old Nos.729, 730 And 731) Respectively, Situated At Varthur Khane Kandaya Village, Varthur Village Panchayath, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk And Sy Nos. 358/1, 358/2, 358/3A And 358/3B Together Measuring 2 Acres 3 Guntas Bearing Khata Nos 24, 25, 26 And 27 Respectively, Situated At Amani Bellandur Village, Sora Hunase Village Panchayath, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, In All Together Admeasuring Forty Six Acres And Bounded By East: Road West: Hagadur/ Whitefield Village Boundary, Sy.no.145 of Hagadur Village, Sy No.62 of White Field Village (D'Souzas Land) And Land Belonging To Sri. Shivakumar North: Whitefield Hagadur Road, South: Raja Kaluve Schedule B Property (Description of Plot Hereby Conveyed) All That Portion of Property Described In Schedule 'A' Above, Identified As Plot No.153, Situated In Schedule 'A Property Detailed Above Forming Portion of Hagadur Village And Measuring On The Eastern Side 80 Feet, On The Western Side 80 Feet, On The Northern Side 50 Feet And On The Southern Side 50 Feet, With A Total Sital Area of 4000 Sq. Ft.. Shown In The Plan Annexed Hereto And Bounded By East: Villa No. 152 In 'Beech' Type of 'Prestige Ozone' West: Villa No.154 In 'Beech' Type of 'Prestige Ozone' North: Internal Layout Road In 'Prestige Ozone' And South: Villa No. 160 In "Chestnut Type of 'Prestige Ozone' Schedule C Property: (Description of Villa) All That Residential Villa No.153 In 'Beech' Type Built On The Schedule 'B' Property Consisting of Ground And First Floor Measuring 3190 Sq Ft. Built-Up Area Including All Chejjas, Projections, Utility Area And Parking Areas Etc, And Bounded By East: Villa No.152 In 'Beech' Type of 'Prestige Ozone' West: Villa No. 154 In 'Beech Type of 'Prestige Ozone' North: Internal Layout Road In 'Prestige Ozone' And South: Villa No.160 In Chestnut Type of 'Prestige Ozone'	March 06,2026 Rs. 51,36,760.88/-	15/01/2026
3.	Seyed Mohamed Buhary Seyed Ibrahim Represented By Proprietor Seyed Ibrahim No. 153 Prestige Ozone Behind Forum Value Mall, Whitefield Banglore North Banglore-560066/'194805000295	Schedule 'A' Property All That Property Bearing Sy. Nos.143/2-4, 144/1-10, 150/1-4, 151/2-5, 152 & 153/1 Bearing Khata No.210 And Sy Nos. 143/1, 143/5, 151/1, 151/6, Bearing Khata No. 290 Together Measuring 42 Acres 35 Guntas, Situated At Hagadur Village, Hagadur Village Panchayath, Krishnarajapuram Hobil, Bangalore South Taluk And Sy.nos.51/1, 51/2, 51/3 Together Measuring 1 Acre 2 Guntas Bearing Khata Nos. 756, 757 And 758 (Old Nos.729, 730 And 731) Respectively, Situated At Varthur Khane Kandaya Village, Varthur Village Panchayath, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk And Sy Nos. 358/1, 358/2, 358/3A And 358/3B Together Measuring 2 Acres 3 Guntas Bearing Khata Nos 24, 25, 26 And 27 Respectively, Situated At Amani Bellandur Village, Sora Hunase Village Panchayath, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, In All Together Admeasuring Forty Six Acres And Bounded By East: Road West: Hagadur/ Whitefield Village Boundary, Sy.no.145 of Hagadur Village, Sy No.62 of White Field Village (D'Souzas Land) And Land Belonging To Sri. Shivakumar North: Whitefield Hagadur Road, South: Raja Kaluve Schedule B Property (Description of Plot Hereby Conveyed) All That Portion of Property Described In Schedule 'A' Above, Identified As Plot No.153, Situated In Schedule 'A Property Detailed Above Forming Portion of Hagadur Village And Measuring On The Eastern Side 80 Feet, On The Western Side 80 Feet, On The Northern Side 50 Feet And On The Southern Side 50 Feet, With A Total Sital Area of 4000 Sq. Ft.. Shown In The Plan Annexed Hereto And Bounded By East: Villa No. 152 In 'Beech' Type of 'Prestige Ozone' West: Villa No.154 In 'Beech' Type of 'Prestige Ozone' North: Internal Layout Road In 'Prestige Ozone' And South: Villa No. 160 In "Chestnut Type of 'Prestige Ozone' Schedule C Property: (Description of Villa) All That Residential Villa No.153 In 'Beech' Type Built On The Schedule 'B' Property Consisting of Ground And First Floor Measuring 3190 Sq Ft. Built-Up Area Including All Chejjas, Projections, Utility Area And Parking Areas Etc, And Bounded By East: Villa No.152 In 'Beech' Type of 'Prestige Ozone' West: Villa No. 154 In 'Beech Type of 'Prestige Ozone' North: Internal Layout Road In 'Prestige Ozone' And South: Villa No.160 In Chestnut Type of 'Prestige Ozone'	March 06,2026 Rs. 67,11,277.41/-	16/01/2026
4.	Affan Enterprises Represented By Proprietor Thanveer Pasha Site No. B, Class 24, 3 Rd Cross, RMC Yard B M Road Hassan-573201/' 105905018997	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering The House Property Bearing Hassan Swathina Sankye: 28-1-507-2C, Ward No.28, Swathina Old Sankye:696, Nirdharana Sankye:285, Situated At Ward No.28, 2C, Saleem Nagara, Hunasinakere Badavane, Hassan And Bounded As Follows And Measuring In All 371.6120 Square Meter, In The Possession of The Depositor, Owned By Tanveer Pasha, North: Syed Azar's Site B Property South: Road And G.M. School East: Syed Azar's Site B Property West: G.M. School	March 11,2026 Rs. 75,57,695.16/-	11/02/2026
5.	Arihant Agencies Represented By Proprietor Tushar Borar Building No. 254, 1st Floor, 9th Ward, NH 50, Bharamappa General Store Village, Bharamappa General Store Village, Bellary- 583222/' 107305008729	Property 1: Schedule A: All That Part And Parcel of The Residential Property No. Flat No.1804, 18th Floor, 1390/24/20/2 19/T07/18F/1804, Epid No. 7219267816, Total Measuring Carpet Area: 1245.54 Sq.ft, Super Built Up Area 1826 Sq Ft Bounded By East: Remaining Portion of Sy No. 120 & 112 & Vrushbhavathi River West: Road North: Private Property Remaining Portion of Sy No. 125/5, South: Private Property Situated At Tower 07, Divinty Apartment Panthar Palya Village, Kenegri Hobli, Bangalore South, Mysore Road, 560070 Schedule B: All That Part And Parcel of The Residential Property No. Flat No.1803, 18th Floor, 1389/24/20/2 19/T07/18F/1803, Epid No. 6429534951, Total Measuring Carpet Area 1250.49 Sq.ft, Super Built Up Area 1749 Sq Ft Bounded By East: Remaining Portion of Sy No. 120 & 112 & Vrushbhavathi River West: Road North: Private Property Remaining Portion of Sy No. 125/5 South: Private Property Situated At Tower 07, Divinty Apartment Panthar Palya Village, Kenegri Hobli, Bangalore South, Mysore Road, 560070 Property 2: All That Part And Parcel of The Residential Property Bearing Pid No. 9-4-635-1946-02-05, Flat No. 205, Second Floor, S V Kings Court Apartment, Assessment No. 2096, Sy. No. 96B3C4/2B Total Measuring 992.5 Sq. Meter, Bounded By East: Open Duct And Thereafter Flat No. 206 West: Open Duct And Thereafter Flat No. 204 North: Set Back & Open Land Belonging To Mr S.R. Babu South: 12ft Open Passage, Situated At Rajaji Nagar, M.P Prakash Nagar, Hospet CMC, Hospet Taluk, Vijayanagara Dist- 583201. Property 3: All That Part And Parcel of The Residential Property Bearing Pid No. 31-3-564-153B, Old No. 588/1-S, Assessment No. 726/1-S, East- West: 9.144018, North-South: 21.336043, Total Measuring -195.0972 Sq.Meter, Constructed Are 46.4515 Sq.mtr Bounded By East: Plot of Anjenamma West: Plot of G Venkobha North: Road, South: Hlc Colony, Situated At 7th A Cross Road, B. T.R Nagara Area, Hospet CMC, Hospet Taluk, Vijayanagara Dist- 583201	March 10,2026 Rs. 3,09,20,826.60/-	25/02/2026
6.	Ratandeep Tractors Represented By Proprietor B T Pradeep Kumar Ground Floor Industrial Area Banglore Road Chitradurga- 577501/' 142405001578	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering The Proposed RCC Roofed Residential House Constructed Over The Vacant Site No.160, Measuring 35x19 Feet's And 10x19 Feet's And Vacant Site And 23x6 Feet's Vacant Site Katha No.2802/9518/8029 And The Proposed RCC Roofed Commercial Building Constructed Over The Vacant Site No.160, Measuring 22x40 Feet's, Katha No.2803/9518A/8029A And The Proposed RCC Roofed Residential House Constructed Over The Vacant Site No.160, Measuring 23x35 Feet's, Katha No.2804/9518B/8029B, Which Is Situated At 5th Block, Ward No.26, Jayachamrejendra Odyer Badavane, Main Road, Chitradurga Town And Dist. Which Is Bounded By:- (All The 3 Properties Are Common Boundaries), Owned By B T Pradeep Kumar, North: Road South: Road East: House of Gopala Krishna West: Main Road	April 13,2026 Rs. 1,07,39,148.94/-	05/02/2026
7.	Siya Steel Cement Represented By Proprietor Pankaj Kumar Sinha Shop No.35/1, Virgonagar Post, Rampura, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru Urban, Bangalore- 560049/' 185105001741	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Site No.6, House List Khata No.229/1, Situated In Kalkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, And Measuring On The East To West 40 Ft., North To South: 30 Ft., (In All Measuring 1200 Sq Fts.,) And Being Bounded On The Below, Owned By Pankaj Kumar Sinha , North: Site No. 6-A South: 25 Ft., Road East: 25 Ft., Road West: Site No.5	March 17,2026 Rs. 1,42,13,967.82/-	26/02/2026
8.	Srinivasaprasanna Construction Represented By Proprietor Ranjith S No. 57, 10th Cross, 10th Main,ullal Main Road, Shri Hari Layout, Near Jnanajyotinagara, Bangalore- 560056/' 777705551435	An "631 Sq. Feet of Undivided Share, Right, Title And Interest In Respect of The Converted Land Bearing Sy.no.105/2B (Dully Converted Vide Official Memorandum Dated 29.11.2014 Bearing No.ALN:(N)(Y)Sr73/2014-15 Issued By Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District), Having Bbmp Katha No.107/ Sy.no.105/02/B, Situated At Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Totally Measuring 1 Acre And 7 Guntas or 51183 Sq.feet And Bounded On The East By: Road & Property of Sy.no.105/2A; West By: Property of Sy.no.104 And Ngef Layout Road; North By: Property of Sy.no.105/1; South By: Property of Sy.nos.105/3 And 105/4 And 105/5; Together With A Residential Apartment Bearing No.A404, On The 4th Floor, of A Block, Having A Super Built Up Area of 1638 Sq.ft Together With Right To Use In Common Amenities Areas And Facilities, Staircases, Lifts, Lobbies, Passages, Common Garden, Access Etc And Along With One Covered Car Parking Space In The Basement Floor of The Apartment Complex Known As "Sidvin Grace" Constructed Thereon"	March 10,2026 Rs. 36,69,451.66/-	09/02/2026
9.	Archunan Construction Represented By Proprietor Manikandan Archunan Near Cambridge English School, SM Krishnappa Building Bettahalasuru, Ground Floor 1 Bangalore-562157/' 601105500248	Property-1 As Per Doc No: 4123/1993 Survey No. S.no-99/1B31, Total Extent 1050 Sq.ft, Door No-24A, Plot No.10, Avaniapuram Village, Madurai South Taluk, Madurai South Regd. District, Madurai District, Madurai South Joint No. 4, "Palanganatham". Boundaries For 1050 Sq.ft of Land With Building North: Property Belongs To Chandra East: Property Belongs To Kajamaideen West: 20 Feet Wide Common Road South: Property Belongs To Rajkumar Measurement Details: North-East West: 35 Ft South-East West: 35 Ft East- North South: 30ft West-North South: 30 Ft Total Measurement Details 1050 Sq.ft With All Easements Pathways And Rights. Property- 2: As Per Doc. No. 319/2013 Survey No. S.no-99/1B, Total Extent 975 Sq.ft, Door No (As Per Property Tax) 20, 20/1, Plot No.10 South Side, 11 North Side, Avaniyapuram Village, Madurai South Taluk, Madurai South Regd. District, Madurai South Joint 4 Sro "Malligai Street" Boundaries For 975 Sq.ft of Land With Building: North By: Pushpam House South By: Sonaiyapillai Property East By: R.S. No-100/1 Plot West By: 20 Feet Wide Common Road Measurement Details: North-East West: 64 Ft South-East West: 66 Ft East-South North: 15 Ft West-South North: 15 Ft Total Measurement Details 975 Sq.ft With All Easements Rights And Pathway.	March 05,2026 Rs. 62,40,391.85/-	29/01/2026

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: May 03, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

ESTD: 1907
THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OP. BANK LTD.,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: NO.3, Pampamahakahvi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore -18
Office ☎ 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066. Tele Fax: (080)26617980, Web : bccbl.co.in, E -mail : recovery@bccbl.co.in

(Rule 8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) (Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of **The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd.,** A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.
The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl.No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance Outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
CHAMARAJPET (WEST) BRANCH			
01	Sri. Ghouse Khan	Demand Notice Dated : 16.01.2026 Possession Notice Dated : 27.04.2026 Balance outstanding: Rs. 7,25,775/- as on : 27.04.2026	Property & Measurement :- **No. 7, 8 th Cross, Valmikinagar, (Earlier No. 118, 5 th Cross, 1 st Main Road, Corporation Division No. 24), BBMP Ward No. 45, New Ward No. 141 of Azadnagar, PID No.45-25-7, Bangalore.** Measuring: **East to West: 11 feet & North to South: 17 feet** **East by :** Property Belongs to Chandramma, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Property Belongs to Chandramma,
02	Smt. Sajidunnisa	Demand Notice Dated : 16.02.2026 Possession Notice Dated : 27.04.2026 Balance outstanding: Rs. 5,72,429/- as on : 27.04.2026	Property & Measurement :- **No.11/10-3, 11th "E" Cross West of Padarayanapura, BBMP Ward No. 43 of Padarayanapura, PID No. 43-75-11/10-3, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : towards Northern Side : 25.6 feet , Southern Side : 28 feet & North to South : 20.6 feet** **East by :** Property belongs to M. Vazeer, **West by :** Drainage, **North by :** Others property, **South by :** 6.6 X 34.0 feet Common Passage thereafter property belongs to Asmathunnisa.
03	Sri. Shahe Zuber	Demand Notice Dated : 16.01.2026 Possession Notice Dated : 27.04.2026 Balance outstanding: Rs. 3,78,735/- as on : 27.04.2026	Property & Measurement :- **No.25/2, 2nd Main, Valmikinagar, Azadnagar, Mysore road, BBMP Ward No. 45, PID No. 45-12-25/2, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 45 feet** **East by :** Thimmaiah's House, **West by :** Remaining portion of same property, **North by :** Main road, **South by :** Conservancy lane.
AVALAHALLI BRANCH			
04	(1) Smt. Mangala. K .S (Deceased) Legal Heirs:- A. Aishwaya D.M (Daughter). (2) Smt Vinutha K S	Demand Notice Dated : 11.02.2026 Possession Notice Dated : 27.04.2026 Balance outstanding: Rs.1,62,69,698/- as on : 27.04.2026	Property & Measurement :- **New Municipal No.02, Site No.08, M.M. Industries road, Jayanagar 7th Block West, Yediyur Village, BBMP Ward No.59 & New Ward No. 167 of Yediyur, PID No.59-82-2, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 20 feet & North to South : 60 feet** **East by :** Private property, **West by :** Private property, **North by :** Private property, **South by :** Road.
YELAHANKA BRANCH			
05	Sri. SYED ILYAZ PASHA	Demand Notice Dated : 28.01.2026 Possession Notice Dated: 27.04.2026 Balance outstanding: 45,00,770 as on : 27.04.2026	Property & Measurement:- **New Municipal No.2/2, Western Portionof Old PropertyNo.2/4, Earlier Property No.8, Situated at 5th Cross Road, (Previously 3rd Cross, 6th Block), Padarayanpura, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 43 of Padarayanapura, New ward no. 136 of Jagajeevanram Nagar, PID No.43-123-2/2, Bangalore.** Measuring: **EasttoWest:40feet&NorthtoSouth:22feet** **East by :** Otherproperty, **West by :** 3rdCrossRoad, **North by :** Other property, **Southby :** Other property.

Date: 02.05.2026
Place: Bangalore

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The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

7 killed
in Israeli strike on Lebanon as hostilities continued despite ceasefire

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

NATO rift deepens as US to pull 5,000 troops from Germany

Announcement comes days after Berlin said Washington being 'humiliated' by Iran

WASHINGTON

THE United States will withdraw 5,000 troops from Germany in the next six to 12 months, the Pentagon said Friday as a rift in transatlantic ties deepens over the West Asia war.

Trump had threatened to withdraw some troops from the NATO ally earlier this week after Chancellor Friedrich Merz said the US was being "humiliated" by the Iranian leadership and criticised Washington's lack of strategy in the war.

Pentagon spokesman Sean Parnell said in a statement that the "decision follows a thorough review of the Department's force posture in Europe and is in recognition of theatre requirements and conditions on the ground."

Germany hosts several US military facilities, including the headquarters of its European and Africa commands, Ramstein Air Base and a medical centre in Landstuhl, where casualties from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq were treated. US nuclear missiles are also stationed in the country.

The number of troops leaving Germany would be 14 per cent of the 36,000 American service members stationed there.

German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius called it "foreseeable" that the US would withdraw troops from Europe and Germany, while he sought to stress mutual benefit from the US military presence on the European continent.

"The presence of American soldiers in Europe, and especially in Germany, is in our interest and in the interest of the US," Pistorius told the German news agency dpa, while adding that European allies needed to adjust their defence postures - and were doing so. "We Europeans must take on more responsibility for our security," he said, stressing recent efforts by Germany to boost its armed forces, accelerate procurement and develop infrastructure.

News of the troop withdrawal drew swift pushback from Democrats in Congress as well as a hawkish Washington think tank. They said the move will benefit Russian President Vladimir Putin and weaken US security interests.

The withdrawal "suggests American commitments to our allies are dependent on the president's mood," said Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee. "The president should immediately cease this reckless action before he causes irreversible consequences for our alliances and long-term national security," Reed said. Trump wrote on Wednesday on social media that the US was reviewing possible troop reductions in Germany, with a "determination" to be made soon. *AFP*

File photo of US Army personnel participating in a military exercise at 7th Army Training Command Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany | AFP

Trump weighed similar action during first term

Donald Trump made a similar threat in his first term, saying he would pull about 9,500 of the roughly 34,500 US troops who were then stationed in Germany, but he didn't start the process, and Democratic President Joe Biden formally stopped the planned withdrawal soon after taking office in 2021

Nobel laureate Narges Mohammadi hospitalised in Iran

Detained Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi has been hospitalised in Iran, her supporters said, "following a catastrophic deterioration of her health". Mohammadi, who won the eace prize in 2023 in recognition of more than two decades of rights campaigning, was arrested in December in Iran's eastern city of Mashhad after speaking out against the country's clerical authorities at a funeral ceremony. Her supporters had been warning for months about her health, saying in late March that she had suffered a suspected heart attack but received inadequate medical treatment. In a statement posted by her foundation on Friday, they said she was "urgently transferred to a hospital in Zanjan today" after a rapid deterioration, "including two episodes of complete loss of consciousness and a severe cardiac crisis"

Narges Mohammadi

Renewed fighting with US likely: Iran

DUBAI/WASHINGTON

A senior Iranian military officer said on Saturday that renewed fighting with the US was "likely", hours after President Donald Trump said he was not satisfied with an Iranian negotiating proposal.

On Saturday morning, Mohammad Jafar Asadi, a senior figure in the Iranian military's central command, said "a renewed conflict between Iran and the United States is likely", in quotes published by Iran's Fars news agency.

"Evidence has shown that the United States is not committed to any promises or agreements," he added.

Iran's judiciary chief Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei said on Friday that his country had "never shied away from negotiations", but would not accept an "imposition" of peace terms.

The White House has declined to provide details on the latest Iranian proposal, but news site Axios reported that US envoy Steve Witkoff had submitted amendments to a previous one putting Tehran's nuclear programme back on the negotiating table.

The changes reportedly include demands that Iran not move enriched uranium from bombed sites or resume activity there during talks.

News of the Iranian proposal briefly pushed oil prices down nearly five percent, though they remain about 50 percent above pre-war levels amid the ongoing closure of the Strait of Hormuz. Iran has maintained a stranglehold on the strait since the war began, choking off major flows of oil, gas and fertiliser to the world economy, while the United States has imposed a counter-blockade on Iranian ports.

WAR WATCH

President Trump said the US Navy was acting "like pirates" as he described an operation seizing a ship amid the tit-for-tat American blockade of Iranian ports. "We... land on top of it and we took over the ship. We took over the cargo, took over the oil. It's a very profitable business," Trump said at a rally in Florida. "We're like pirates," he added to cheers from the crowd. "We're sort of like pirates. But we're not playing games."

The US announced a blockade of Iranian ports after the initial peace talks in Pakistan failed to achieve a breakthrough.

Meanwhile, unidentified attackers hijacked an oil tanker on Saturday off the coast of Yemen in the Gulf of Aden and directed it towards Somalia, the Yemeni coast guard said.

According to the agency, the tanker EUREKA was seized off Yemen's Shabwa province by a group who "boarded, took control of it, then steered it... in the direction of the Somali coast".

The coast guard, affiliated with Yemen's internationally recognised government, vowed to probe the attack. "The location of the tanker has been determined, and work is under way to monitor it and take the necessary measures in an attempt to recover it..." *Agencies*

An anti-US billboard referring to President Donald Trump and the Strait of Hormuz, installed on a building at the Valiasr Square in Tehran on Saturday | AFP

EXPRESS READ

PAK SLAMS REMARKS BY UK ENVOY ON AF CLASHES

Islamabad: Pakistan on Saturday rejected remarks by British Special Representative for Afghanistan Richard Lindsay on tensions along its border with Afghanistan, terming them "devoid of a deeper understanding of the situation". "Concerned by further violence along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, including strikes in Kunar. All steps must be taken to protect civilians and avoid further escalation. I continue to urge dialogue and restraint, including in meetings," Lindsay had said

ANTI-SEMITISM

British govt weighs ban on pro-Palestine demonstrations

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Prime Minister Keir Starmer said in an interview broadcast on Saturday that banning some pro-Palestinian marches could be justified, especially when they call for the intifada to spread.

Labour leader Starmer is under pressure to act after a spate of antisemitic incidents, including this week, when two men were stabbed in the north London suburb of Golders Green, which is home to a large Jewish community.

A 45-year-old British national who was born in Somalia was remanded in custody when he made his first appearance in court on Friday accused of attempted murder.

Starmer visited the scene of the attacks and a Jewish volunteer ambulance service on Thursday and was booed by some locals, who accused him of not doing enough to protect them. They also denounced pro-Palestinian activists holding marches in British cities, which began after Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel that sparked the war in Gaza.

Keir Starmer

The prime minister, a former human rights lawyer and chief public prosecutor whose wife is of Jewish origin, said many Jewish people had told them they were affected by "the repeat nature" of the protests. "I'm a big defender of freedom of expression, peaceful protests," he told the BBC. "But when there are chants like 'globalise the intifada', that's completely off limits". "Clearly, there should be tougher action in relation to that."

The intifada refers to the Palestinian civilian uprisings against Israel in 1987-1993 and the early 2000s. *AFP*

Customers shop at the Audible Story House in New York City | AFP

New York turns the page, welcomes its first audio-only book shop

NEW YORK

AUDIOBOOK giant Audible opened what it billed as the first "bookless bookstore" in New York on Friday as industry statistics show more American consumers embracing the format. There is no rustle of pages or stacks of best-selling novels at the pop-up store opened by the Amazon subsidiary on the Lower East Side in Manhattan. "This is a physical place entirely dedicated to bringing audio storytelling to life," Audible CEO Bob Carrigan said during a press tour of the "Audible Story House" on Thursday.

It was a slightly "wild idea" which "took quite a bit of imagination," Carrigan said, adding that the month-long pop-up aims to "bring audiobooks to life in this environment where you can browse, you can connect with people."

According to the Audio Publishers Association (APA), audiobook sales reached $2.22 billion in the United States in 2024, nearly doubling over the past five years. In the store, audiobook tablets called "story tiles" line the shelves, ready to be inserted into a player for listening through headphones. Each tile plays a short excerpt and the full title can be accessed on the Audible app.

The platform, which dominates the audiobook market, offers paid subscriptions, individual purchases and free access to some titles for Amazon account holders.

The venue also has a room lined with speakers for headphone-free listening, as well as a "Listening Bar" where "Story Tenders" will "guide attendees in finding the perfect audiobook for their tastes and interest," according to the press release. The space aims to reflect the fast-growing popularity of the format as well as the "shift toward offline experiences and real-world connection." *AFP*

AROUND 20,000 FLOCK TO DANGEROUS MILITARY SITE IN FRANCE FOR ILLEGAL RAVE

CORNUSSE

AROUND 20,000 partygoers gathered on Saturday for an illegal rave at a military site in France, defying warnings about the risk of unexploded ordnance and possible blasts.

The rave near the town of Bourges in central France kicked off on Friday and organisers expect as many as 30,000 people from France and neighbouring countries to arrive at the peak of the event this weekend.

"Despite its illegal nature, the government has mobilised to ensure the safety of this event and limit any disturbances, particularly for nearby residents," the prefecture said in a statement. Speaking to AFP, Philippe Le Moing Surzur, the top regional official, said the site was "extremely dangerous due to the unexploded ordnance it may contain."

While modern shells posed no threat, he warned of the risk from older unexploded ordnance and urged revellers to avoid the nearby woods. "This is a site that has been in use for 150 years, and we know there are potentially old artillery shells there," he said, adding that bomb disposal experts discover them regularly. Revellers see the giant party not only as a chance to unwind, but also as a protest against tighter legislation targeting illegal techno gatherings. "I had heard there were going to be a lot of people, but once you're there, it's still a shock to see so many people gathered in one place," a 22-year-old man told AFP on condition of anonymity. Another partygoer, 19, said the turnout was "a strong message against repression."

Around 600 police and 45 firefighters have been deployed at the site. "We're getting ready for a big get-together tonight," said Edith Raquin, the mayor of Cornusse, a village of 220 people located less than two kilometres from the site. *AFP*

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ANNEXURE - XIV [RULE 8(11)] -
POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas,

The undersigned being the **Authorized officer of the UCO Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice Dated 17-02-2026** calling upon the Borrower **Mr. Muni Krishnappa S/o. Munishamappa (Muniswamy) & Mrs. Vijayamma W/o Muni Krishnappa & Shiva Kumar M S/o Munikrishnappa** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being of **Rs. 21,38,148.54/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Forty Eight Paisa Fifty four only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/herunder Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on this **27th day of April of the year 2026 .**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to dealwith the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **UCO Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 21,38,148.54/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Forty Eight Paisa Fifty four)** and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Part - II :- Equitable Mortgage of Properties Comprising : Land & Building, Registered Sale Deed / Title Deed No. :- Hakku Pathra, Dated 13.02.1993, Ref. H.U.D. 535 K.H.B 91. All that piece and parcel of Imovable Property bearing Site No. 126, with Building in it formed in Sy.No.130, Nagondanahalli, K.R. Puram Hobli, Measuring : East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 Feet in All Measuring 1200 Sq.Ft. and bounded on : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Ragappa House.

Date : 29-04-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place : Bidarahalli, Bangalore. **UCO BANK,**

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Sir C.V. Ramannagar Division, 8th Cross, 12th A Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagara, Bengaluru-560038

No.: EE/CVR/KPPP/02/2026-27 **Date: 02.05.2026**

INVITATION FOR TWO COVER TENDER
(Two Cover) (Only through E-Procurement)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of **Bengaluru Central City Corporation** or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations. **(Standard Tender Document - KW-01)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Establishment of temporary control room for monsoon period for the year 2026-27 in C.V. Ramannagar Sub Divisions. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 8.00, EMD (in Rs.): 20,000/-.**
2	Establishment of temporary control room for monsoon period for the year 2026-27 in Jeevanbhimanagar Sub Divisions. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 8.00, EMD (in Rs.): 20,000/-.**
3	Establishment of temporary control room for monsoon period for the year 2026-27 in Indiranagar Sub Divisions. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 8.00, EMD (in Rs.): 20,000/-.**

Calendar of events: (1) Tender Document can be downloaded from the GOK e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Last date for uploading the filled proposals: **12.05.2026** upto **4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of opening of Technical proposals: **13.05.2026** at **4:30 p.m. (4)** Date of opening of Financial Proposals **after approval of Technical Proposals through e-procurement.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Sir C.V. Raman Nagar Division, Bengaluru Central City Corporation

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Public Notice is being caused on behalf of our clients **1) Sri. Y.H. Krishna**, aged about 62 years, S/o. Sri. Hanumappa Reddy, **2) Sri. H. Nagaraj**, aged about 60 years, S/o. Sri. Hanumappa Reddy, **3) Smt. Jayalakshmi** aged about 50 years, W/o. Sri. Lakshmana Reddy, **4) Sri. Lakshminarayana**, aged about 50 years, S/o. Sri. Hanumappa Reddy, **5) Smt. Dhanalakshmi** aged about 48 years, W/o. Sri. Guruva Reddy, **6) Sri. Janardhana Y.H.** aged about 46 years, S/o. Sri. Hanumappa Reddy, **7) Smt. Sharadamma** aged about 80 years, W/o. Sri. Narayana Reddy, **8) Smt. Shanthamma** aged about 77 years, W/o. Sri. Rajappa Reddy

1. Our clients had executed an unregistered General Power of Attorney dated 01.06.2006 in favour of Sri. Y.H. Anand, aged about 55 years, S/o Late B. Hanumappa Reddy, residing at No. 278, 25th Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560082, owing to his representations and assurances, thereby appointing him as their attorney to act on their behalf and to represent them in connection with the proceedings in O.S. No. 15171/2004 and O.S. No. 696/2004 on the file of the City Civil Court at Bangalore, in respect of their rights, title, interests and shares which may accrue to them over the Schedule Properties described hereunder.

2. Our clients hereby declare that the said General Power of Attorney dated; 01.06.2006 stands revoked, cancelled and terminated with immediate effect, to prevent any misuse of the said attorney and the same has been intimated to Sri. Y.H. Anand vide legal notice dated 28.04.2026. The said revocation is absolute, final and binding on the said Sri. Y.H. Anand.

3. In view of the above, the said Sri. Y.H. Anand, has no manner of right, authority or power whatsoever to represent our clients before any court, authority or person, or to in any manner deal with the Schedule Properties. Accordingly, all persons are hereby strictly cautioned not to accept any representations, enter into any transactions or have any dealings with the said Sri. Y.H. Anand in respect of the Schedule Properties. Any person dealing with the said Sri. Y.H. Anand shall do so entirely at their own risk as to costs and consequences.

4. Without prejudice to the above, if any person, entity or authority who has entered into or claims to have entered into any transaction, agreement, deed, arrangement or dealing of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule Properties, whether directly or indirectly, pursuant to or in reliance upon any representation, act or conduct of the said Sri. Y.H. Anand, is hereby called upon to disclose full particulars of such transactions, along with supporting documents within 10 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Failing such disclosure within the stipulated period, it shall be deemed that no such transaction exists or that the concerned party has abandoned and given up any such claim and any such transactions/dealings shall stand cancelled forthwith. If later any such transactions or dealings are brought to light, the same shall be treated as non- existent and/or not binding our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

1. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No. 60/1 measuring 1 Acre 23 Guntas situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk bounded on the: **East by:** Sy. No.69, **West by:** Property belonging to Lagumappa, **North by:** Property belonging to Sonappa, **South by:** Kothanur Village

2. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No. 21/1 measuring 6 Guntas situated at Raghavanapalya Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk bounded on the: **East by:** Property belonging to Ramaswamy, **West by:** Sy.No. 21/2, **North by:** Sy. No. 21/1, **South by:** Property belonging to BDA

3. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No. 21/2 measuring 4 Acres 27 Guntas situated at Raghavanapalya Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk bounded on the: **East by:** Property belonging to Ramaswamy, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property belonging to BDA

All that portion or portions of the above Schedule Properties which may hereafter fall to the share of our clients and over which our clients have lawful right, title and interest.

Abhinav. R, Advocate
Kumar & Kumar Advocates,
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Ph: 7411129714. Date: 02/05/2026

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore - 560001
O.A.NO. 1493/2023

BETWEEN: BANK OF BARODA (Adugodi Branch) ...APPLICANT
AND: Mrs. ANURADHA S. PATNAIK & ANOTHER ....DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED U/R 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for recovery of sum of **Rs.29,04,694.78** together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above Defendants are therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date publication or **on 18/08/2026 at 10.30 a.m.** and as to why the prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 29th day of April 2026.

By Order Of The Tribunal, Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Bangalore

TO, 1. Mrs. ANURADHA S. PATNAIK
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₹ 2% The current account deficit (CAD) as percentage of GDP expected in financial year 2026-27 from less than 1% in 2025-26, according to CEA Dr V Anantha Nageswaran

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IMAGE MAKEOVER

Long criticised for its 'unfriendly' business environment, Kerala is trying to reinvent itself as a startup hub

IT/ITeS startups in Kerala	1,093
AL/ML startups	1,019
Startups in advanced stage of fundraising	25+
Incubators	63+
LEAP co-works centres	20+
Disclosed VC funding (₹ cr)	184
Grants by kerala govt (₹ cr)	32
Seed funding (₹ cr)	12
Eq investment (₹ cr)	6,000
Disclosed VC/Angel funding (₹ cr)	470

State is creating a conducive environment for deep-tech companies

The Kerala 'startup' story

Ecosystem has grown to 8,000 firms in past one decade; seeks funding from legacy companies to grow

IN 2001, Kerala's largest industrial unit, Mavoor Gwalior Rayon (now part of Grasim), shut its plant in Mavoor town in Kozhikode district amid allegations of polluting the Chaliyar river. Earlier, the factory—set up in the 1960s—had already halted operations in 1985 following labour unrest, with trade unions demanding higher wages. Owned by the Birla group and located on the banks of the Chaliyar, the plant once employed nearly 5,000 people across communities, classes and linguistic backgrounds. More recently, in 2018, Synthite Industries faced labour protests after its managing director Viju Jacob transferred 18 employees to different locations. The strike was led by the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU).

There have also been missed industrial opportunities. Congress leader Shashi Tharoor has claimed that during Oommen Chandy's tenure as chief minister, BMW had considered setting up a manufacturing plant in Kerala but backed out because a statewide hartal coincided with the agreement-signing day.

Kerala has long carried a reputation for frequent labour protests, hartals and stringent environmental compliance. By some estimates, a single statewide hartal can cause economic losses of up to ₹1,500 crore. While such strikes — including the Bharat Bandh on February 12 — still occur, there is growing pushback from the business community over the economic costs.

A shift towards startups

In recent years, however, the state's business environment has begun to change. The State is increasingly focusing on creating a conducive ecosystem for knowledge-intensive industries, particularly in artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. Through its nodal agency, Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), the state is actively identifying and nurturing startups capable of building high-end technology products for global markets, leveraging its strong STEM talent pool. Kerala was also the first state in India to launch a startup policy in 2014.

Companies such as Genrobotics, Netrasemi, IROV Technologies, VConsol and iHub Robotics are part of this growing ecosystem, many operating in AI and robotics. According to KSUM, the state hosts over 8,000 startups, supported by a large network of incubation centres, with total funding of around ₹6,000 crore raised so far.

Rajesh Ganesan, CEO of ManageEngine, says: "We have seen breakthroughs in deep tech, AI and robotics from Kerala startups in recent years. Innovators are able to attract investors, aided by supportive government policies. Along with the strong talent pool, these are key ingredients of a thriving startup ecosystem."

Funding remains a challenge

Despite this progress, concerns persist. Access to capital, particularly for deep-tech ventures, continues to be a major hurdle. Venture capitalists have previously noted that such firms struggle to raise Series A and B funding — an issue that is even more acute in Kerala, where the startup push is heavily skewed towards deep tech. Jyothis KS, co-founder of Kochi-based AI recruitment platform Zappyhire, says: "Kerala has a strong pool of tech talent, but funding is limited. Startups can raise up to $2 million within the state; beyond that, it becomes difficult."

Jeevan Varghese, partner at Lexfins 360 Corporate Services, points to structural issues in credit access. "Startups often can't secure loans without collateral, even under schemes like the PM MUDRA Yojana. Bank officials remain cautious about NPAs, which restricts credit flow to early-stage ventures," he says.

The MUDRA scheme offers collateral-free loans of up to ₹20 lakh to non-corporate, non-farm micro and small enterprises.

Startups are also calling for greater participation from corporates. Some suggest that large companies allocate a portion of their CSR funds to support early-stage ventures. "If corporates or PSUs allocate even a smaller amount of their CSR funds, it would help startups invest in R&D and ensure timely salary payments," says Athil Krishna of iHub Robotics.

There is also an appeal to Kerala's legacy business houses — such as major jewellery groups and financial families — to back startups. Joy Sebastian, co-founder of Techgentsia Software Technologies, says: "Kerala has cash-rich traditional businesses. Instead of competing with startups, they should support them with capital and trust."

Techgentsia's product, VConsol, gained prominence during the Covid-19 pandemic after receiving a government award for video conferencing solutions. Competing with global platforms, it is now used by several High Courts, including those in Karnataka, Kerala, Bombay, Telangana and Himachal Pradesh.

Sebastian adds that investors in India often prioritise short-term revenue visibility. "Deep-tech ventures require patience — returns can take seven to eight years," he says.

Government push

Some startups are beginning to scale. Genrobotics, founded in 2017, is close to closing its Series B funding round with investors from outside Kerala. The company recently secured a contract from Singapore's Public Utilities Board to deploy AI-powered robots for cleaning sewage systems and water bodies. It has also expanded operations beyond Kerala.

KSUM CEO Anoop Ambika says the agency is working to build stronger investor networks. "We are reaching out to second-generation leaders of legacy businesses, who better understand deep tech," he says.

KSUM is also considering appointing film personalities such as Mammootty, Fahadh Faasil and Nazriya Nazim as brand ambassadors to attract investments.

"This transition will take time. Kerala historically had a service-oriented mindset, but that is changing," Ambika says.

BREAK POINT

'RUPEE AT 110/$ WILL MAKE INDIA COMPETITIVE'

SAURABH Mukherjea's, co-founder and chief investment officer of Marcellus Investment Managers, latest book — *Break Point: The Crisis of the Middle Class and the Future of Work* — has sparked considerable debate for its stark assessment of the challenges confronting India's middle class. Co-authored with his colleagues, the book paints a sobering picture of the years ahead, warning of shrinking job opportunities, pressure on real incomes, and rising economic insecurity. In an interaction with **Dipak Mondal**, he explains why India's middle class may be entering one of its most uncertain phases in recent decades. **Excerpts**:

You define the middle class as households earning between ₹5 lakh and ₹1 crore annually — a very wide range. How do you justify that definition?
As we explain in the book, traditional definitions typically place the middle class in the ₹5 lakh to ₹30 lakh range.

We believe the definition should meet two criteria. First, it should lie in the middle of the income distribution. Second, it should account for the majority of income earned in the country. Once we applied that second condition, it became clear the upper bound had to be extended to ₹1 crore. India has roughly three lakh super-rich families, and you need to go up to ₹1 crore to capture the segment that earns the bulk of national income.

You say education is no longer a fail-safe route to upward mobility. Does this require a rethink of traditional career paths?
Every major economy eventually reaches a point where its growth model runs its course and needs reinvention. We believe India's post-1991 model is at that point. There are three specific stresses.

First, white-collar employment has stagnated. Data from the government, Naukri and Azim Premji University all point to this. We are producing roughly ₹80 lakh graduates a year, but white-collar job creation has stalled.

Second, small business vitality is weakening. Corporate tax data shows profits are increasingly concentrated among a handful of large firms, while smaller companies — which account for around 80% of employment — are under pressure. That affects both jobs and income distribution.Third, even those with jobs are facing wage compression. Based on Nifty 50 annual reports and income-tax data, we estimate real white-collar wages have effectively declined by about 5% annually over the past decade.

Are we late to rethink the growth model?
Yes and no. Yes, because every prime minister has attempted to build a manufacturing-led economy, and we have underachieved. But also no, because

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current conditions are creating a fresh opportunity — a more competitive exchange rate, free trade agreements with the West, and the China-plus-one shift. We may have missed the manufacturing export bus once. But the bus is returning — and this time we can't afford to miss it.

You see manufacturing-led growth as India's next phase?
India needs to pivot from being primarily an IT services exporter to becoming a manufacturing exporter — across sectors such as textiles, footwear, machine tools, precision engineering, auto components, pharma and chemicals.

At an exchange rate of around ₹110 to the dollar, India could be highly competitive — even relative to countries like Bangladesh and Vietnam — especially in markets opened up through FTAs.

But would the government or RBI allow the rupee to depreciate that much?
We are a market economy — governments don't fully control exchange rates.

With IT exports slowing, FPI flows negative and FDI moderating, there may be limited alternatives to a weaker rupee. The Reserve Bank of India may smooth volatility, but market forces will determine the direction.

A depreciation of around 10% annually could persist, potentially taking the rupee close to ₹110 per dollar by the time FTAs with Europe and the UK come into effect.

This transition from services-led to manufacturing-led growth could be painful for the middle class. Absolutely. The middle class faces three transitions. First, a shift from salaried white-collar jobs towards gig work, accelerated by technology and AI. Second, a shift from exporting services to exporting manufactured goods. Third, a move away from relying on employers or the state for retirement, healthcare and financial security towards greater self-reliance.

Are you writing off India's IT services model?
At best, IT services may be able to hold dollar revenues flat. The traditional time-and-materials outsourcing model looks increasingly obsolete in the age of AI.

You argue gig work will expand, but there's still social stigma around such jobs. Can this really work?
We are talking about white-collar gig work, which has existed for decades. Lawyers, consultants and writers have long operated this way. In many respects, we may be returning to a pre-salaried model.

In Break Point, we argue that India could create 100 million white-collar gig jobs over the next decade. The transition will be painful initially, but over time AI will complement skilled professionals.

Many argue Indian equities may not deliver the returns they have in the past. Where do you stand?
Long periods of zero returns are normal in equity markets. The S&P 500 delivered no meaningful returns from 1967 to 1984. In India, the BSE Sensex saw similar phases between 1993-2003 and 2007-2014.

Rohit Jain is RBI's new deputy guv

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE government has appointed RBI's executive director Rohit Jain as Deputy Governor, effective on and from May 3, a notification said on Friday. He will be replacing T Rabi Sankar, who retired on May 2 after two extensions of one year each. The RBI is yet to announce the portfolio to Jain, who has a three-year term.

A seasoned central banker with over three decades of experience Jain was promoted as an ED in December 2020 and was over-seeing departments of supervision, particularly focusing on risks, analytics, and vulnerability assessment; human resource, and banking operations.

He holds a Master's degree in commerce and an MBA apart from several professional certifications, including the international certificate in banking risk and regulation, certified associate of the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance.

100% insurance FDI notified; LIC cap maintained at 20%

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE government on Saturday notified 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) in the insurance sector, a move that will allow full foreign ownership of insurance companies.

The notification, issued through Press Note 1 of 2026, allows overseas investors to hold up to 100% equity in Indian insurance companies and intermediaries under the automatic route — eliminating the need for prior government approval. Previously, foreign investors were allowed to have only up to 74% and this aligns with amendments introduced under the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025.

However, the 100% foreign investment comes with conditions. "In an Indian insurance company having foreign investment, at least one among the chairperson of its board, its managing director and its Chief Executive Officer, shall be resident Indian citizens," stated the notification.

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Govt notification

Also, foreign investment in the LIC will continue to be capped at 20%, making it an exception to the broader liberalised framework.

According to the DPIIT, the new foreign investment cap of 100% will be applicable across insurance intermediaries such as brokers, reinsurance brokers and other related entities, subject to regulatory compliance. It is expected to enhance foreign investments in Indian insurance sector without bureaucratic delays associated with approval routes.

The reform is part of a broader strategy to attract long-term capital, deepen insurance penetration and bring global expertise into the sector. India's insurance penetration remains below global averages, and policymakers expect the policy shift to boost competition, innovation and product diversity. FDI proposals will now proceed through the automatic route, contingent on regulatory clearance from the IRDAI.

Investments in insurance intermediaries will continue to be regulated under the Indian Insurance Companies (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2015.

Kotak Bank net profit up 13% as provisions fall

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

KOTAK Mahindra Bank on Saturday reported 13.4% year-on-year growth in net profit at ₹4,026.55 crore for Q4 FY26, driven by higher net interest income and better asset quality. The sharp decline in provisions aided to ease the stress in the microfinance book.

For the FY26 the bank, owned by Uday Kotak, earned standalone net income of ₹14,008 crore and consolidated income stood at ₹19,288 crore. The core net interest income rose 8.1% on-year to ₹7,876 crore, while total income grew 4.8% to ₹14,175 crore, and interest expense rose 0.9% to Rs 6,299 crore and other income declined 2.1% to ₹3,116 crore.

Provisions and contigencies for the quarter dropped 32% to ₹516 crore from ₹909 crore a year ago

Ashok Vaswani, CEO

On the asset quality front, gross non-performing assets improved to 1.20% from 1.30% and the net non-performing assets also eased to 0.25% from 0.31%.

Accordingly provisions and contingencies for the quarter dropped to ₹516.42 crore from ₹909.38 crore a year ago, and the slippages declined by 32% on-year to ₹1,018 crore, chief executive officer (CEO) Ashok Vaswani said.

Another reason for the better show was healthy net interest margin which came down to 4.67% from 4.97%.

Another key contributor to the bank's profit was a one-time gain of ₹367.80 crore from divesting a 30.99 stake in Infina Finance by the Kotak Mahindra Capital Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the bank, said chief financial officer Devang Gheewalla.

The bank's net advances grew 16 on-year to Rs 4.96 lakh crore, while deposits rose 15% to Rs 5.72 lakh crore. The low-cost CASA stood at 43.3% and the credit-to-deposit ratio at 86.6. The company also proposed a payout of ₹0.65 share for the year ending March.

Business & Beyond

Aditya Birla Housing Finance opens two new branches in Chennai

Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited, a leading housing finance company and a subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited, has expanded its footprint in Tamil Nadu with the launch of a new branch in Ambattur, as part of its broader plan to expand its pan-India distribution network. The ABHFL's total network in Tamil Nadu has increased to 17 branches, strengthening its presence in high-growth markets and improving customer accessibility. Ambattur and Tambaram have emerged as high-growth micro-markets, driven by strong infrastructure development, improving connectivity, and rising housing demand from working professionals. The launch aims to enhance access to housing finance solutions across these key areas by offering accessible, localised solutions tailored to the evolving needs of customers in the region. ABHFL offers a comprehensive suite of housing finance solutions tailored to diverse customer segments.

Punjab National Bank organises mega MSME outreach programme in Cuttack

Punjab National Bank successfully organized the Mega MSME Outreach Programme 2026 on 27 April, 2026, at Rashmi Palace, Chahata, Cuttack, with the objective of strengthening the MSME sector and promoting entrepreneurship in the region. It was attended by Pratap Keshari Mallick, GM, PNB Head Office, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the vital role of MSMEs in India's economic growth and highlighted PNB's commitment to providing prompt financial assistance and customer-friendly banking services to entrepreneurs and business owners. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra, GM, District Industries Center, Cuttack attended as the Guest of Honour.

NTPC Communication veterans honoured, receive IPSE awards

K M Prashanth, Former GM (Corporate Communications), NTPC was honoured wuth the prestigious "Indian Public Sector Enterprise (IPSE) Doyen of the Decade (Public Sector)" Award for his Yeomen Contribution to the cause of NTPC – INDIA's largest Public Sector Enterprise in Communications and Public Relations in the Power & Renewable Energy domains. The award was given by Anil Razdan , Former Secretary (Power) Govt of India on 30th April 2026 in gracious presence of Sandeep Gupta , Former CMD , GAIL, & A K Singh , Former CMD, NHPC, at SCOPE Convention Centre.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL No.2 Division, Oddarahatti, Tq|| Gangavathi, Dist|| Koppal.

No.EE/KNNL/No.2CDOdd/TS/AE-3/2026-27/112, Date:29-04-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-2)
(Only through Kpp-procurement system)

On behalf of the Managing Director KNNL Bangalore the Executive Engineer No.2 Division Odderahatti camp the undersigned invites in https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in percentage basis tenders for Eligible KPWD Civil contractors. The tender is invited in Two Cover System for the following Works.

Work No	Indent No: KNNL/2025-26/ OW/WORK_ INDENT	Amount put to tender (including GST) in Rs.	EMD In Rs.	Category
1	3456CALL-2	4,63,95,279=00	5,89,800=00	General
2	3458CALL-2	4,87,95,375=00	6,20,300=00	General
3	3459CALL-2	3,19,94,704=00	4,06,750=00	General
4	3137CALL-2	63,98,064=00	54,500=00	SC
5	3139CALL-2	47,98,000=00	40,700=00	ST

Related to this additional details etc are available in above website. Pre bid meeting will be held on **dtd:07-05-2026 @ 11.30 AM** at EE KNNL No 2 canal Division Odderahatti Camp. The last date for submission of tender Document upto **dtd:31-05-2026 upto 04.30 PM.** The details can be viewed from web site **https://KPPP. Karnataka.gov.in** & Date of Opening of Technical Bid on **dtd: 01-06-2026 at 04:30 PM** & Financial Bid on **dtd: 02-06-2026 at 04:31 PM** or after obtaining approval to technical bid. The Officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to postponement or reject any all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. For more information visit to website given above or contact at office in all working days during office hours

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KNNL No.2 Canal Division Odderahatti
Tq|| Gangavathi, Dist||Koppal.

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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

No: EE/ KNNL/ BDN-4/TA/PB-1/4701 Bhadra /5th Call Tender Notification No: 11/2025-26: Dated: 27.04.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - Call-5
(THROUGH KPP PORTAL ONLY)

Ref. 1) No: EE/ KNNL/BDN-4/TA/PB-1/4701 Bhadra / Tender Notification No: 11/2025-26: Dated: 06.10.2025 **2)** No: EE/ KNNL/ BDN-4/TA/PB-1/4701 Bhadra / 2nd Call Tender Notification No: 11/2025-26: Dated: 28.11.2025 **3)** No: EE/ KNNL/BDN-4/TA/PB-1/4701 Bhadra / 3rd Call Tender Notification No: 11/2025-26Dated: 28.01.2026 **4)** No: EE/ KNNL/ BDN-4/TA/PB-1/4701 Bhadra /4th Call Tender Notification No: 11/2025-26 Dated: 23.03.2026

Percentage Tenders by kpp portal in the prescribed form is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from the eligible Contractor under the Head of Account 4701 Bhadra. The No. of work is 01. The approximate cost of amount put to tender is Rs.4225.15 Lakhs. The amount of EMD is Rs.42.25 Lakhs (Rs.1.00 lakhs e-cash balance amt e-BG Rs.41.25 lakhs) (by kpp portal) contactors can access and submission of completed e-tendering documents from 29.04.2026 to 15.05.2026 upto 17.30 hours in the website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Technical Bid will be opened on 16.05.2026 at 17.30 hours and Financial Bid will be opened on after obtaining approval of technical bid from competent authority. Pre-Bid Meeting on dated: 12.05.2026 @ 11.00 Hrs at Olo Executive Engineer, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi. Stipulated period for the completion of work is 18 Months (Including monsoon).

For more conditions and details visit website http:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in. OR at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No. 8660573513.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

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INSTITUTE OF NEPHRO-UROLOGY

(Government of Karnataka-Autonomous Institute -Regd. No. 1052/03-04)
(A Post Graduate Instiue of Higher Medical Sciences, Affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru. Recognised by Medical Council of India) Victoria Hospital Campus, Bengaluru-560 002.
e-Mail: **nephrourology.institute@gmail.com** Website: **www.nephrourology.karnataka.gov.in**

No: INU/Est(1)/05/2026-27 Date: 02.05.2026

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up the following vacant posts in various departments in Institute of Nephro-Urology on Contract Basis for a period of eleven (11) Months.

Group-A

Sl. No.	Departments	Designation	No. of Posts	Monthly accrued salary
1	Urology	Assistant Professor	08	Rs. 1,75,000/-
2	Radiology	Assistant Professor	02	01 year experience Rs. 1,85,000/- 02 years experience Rs. 1,90,000/- 03 years experience Rs. 2,00,000/-

(1) Interested and eligible candidates should download the application form from the Institute website **www.nephrourology.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** The completed application to be submitted to the office of the institution with the fees **before 4 PM on 08.05.2026. (3)** For further information, please contact the office in between **9.00 am to 4.00 pm.**

Note: Qualification and age limit will be considered as per NMC norms.

Sd/- Director, Institute of Nephro-Urology, Bengaluru.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, # 11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospital, J.C.Road, Bengaluru-560002. Ph No: 080 25943663, Fax: 080 25943664, E-mail : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT ')

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/Gaurantor **Mr. Bygari Jayanth S/o. Mr. Bygari Prakash** has defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and Address of the Borrower : Mr. Bygari Jayanth S/o. Mr. Bygari Prakash, No. 49, S.N Mutt, Shivagiri Township, Byappanahalli, Virgonagar Post, Bengaluru-560 049. **Also at : 1)** M/s. Human IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd., 2nd Floor, 5AC-709, Outer Ring Road, Park landing, HRBR Extension, 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560 043. **2)** No. 4-1-5-F, Krishna Nagar, Madanapalle , Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh - 517325. **3)** Flat No. 008, Ground Floor, SAMHITA ROYAL SPLENDOR, Sy.No. 16/10, Basavanapura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 049.

A/c. No. 39818306421, 39826595671, 38955088183

Demand Notice: 09.04.2026 **NPA Date : 26.06.2023**

Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice) : Rs. 90,49,473- (Rupees Ninety Lakhs Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-Three Only) as on 09-04-2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.

Description of the Schedule 'A' property : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Present BBMP Katha No.572/1, Converted Sy.No.16/10, {converted vide conversion Certificate bearing No.BDS.ALN.(E)SR:KR.Ho):24/2007-08, dated 21/05/2009, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk presently Bangalore East Taluk, measuring about 2 Acres 6.08 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **bounded on the : East by :** Sy No. 16/13, **West by :** Remaining portion Sy. No. 16/10 and Road, **North by :** Road and Seegehalli Village boundary, **South by :** Sy.No.16/12.

SCHEDULE 'B' : 533.49 Sq. ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above.

SCHEDULE 'C' : (Apartment sold under this deed) : Description of the residential apartment in the project SAMHITA ROYAL SPLENDOR constructed by the purchasers through the developer/builder over the Schedule "A" property :1) Flat Number : 008, 2) Floor : Ground Floor, 3) Type of Flat : Residential, 4) Accommodation details : Two Bedrooms, Hall, Dining and Kitchen, 5) Super built area : 1170 Sq. feet (which includes 842 Sq. ft carpet area), 6) Corresponding undivided share in land : 533.49 Sq. feet, 7) Construction Specification : RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, 8) Additional Facility : One Covered Car Parking Space.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower /mortgagors are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers/mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 09.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **SARB Branch, Bengaluru.**

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Gandhinagara Division, 2nd Floor, BBMP Complex, Dhanavantri Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

No: EE/GNR/TEND/KPPP/001/2026-27 Date: 02-05-2026

CORRIGENDUM-01

Sub: Postponement of Tender.
Ref.: 1) Tender Notification No: EE/GNR/TEND/KPPP/001/ 2026-27, Dated: 04-04-2026.

Due to Technical reasons the above Tender has been Postponed.

Revised Calendar of Events: 1) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders is **13-05-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 2)** Date of Opening of Tender: **15-05-2026 at 12.30 PM.** All other conditions remain same.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Gandhinagar Division, BCCC.

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Civil Engineering Department, Central Office, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560027.

No.BMTC/CO/CE/EE/167/2026-27 Dated: 02.05.2026

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 02/2026-27

Tenders are invited for the works of **(1)** "Providing Painting and other repair works such as Expansion joint, water proofing, waterline, UGD line, railing, Structural glazing and False ceiling at Domlur TTMC Bengaluru"- **Amount put to tender: Rs. 51.00 Lakhs and EMD:Rs. 1,02,000/-, (2)** "Developmental works at Yelahanka new town Bus Station, Bengaluru" **- Amount put to tender: Rs. 12.75 Lakhs and EMD: Rs. 32,000/-, (3)** "Repairs to Sanitary, water supply and rain water lines, Providing Painting and other repair works such as water proofing, ACP works at Bannerughatta TTMC, Bengaluru" - **Amount put to tender: Rs. 12.75 Lakhs and EMD: Rs. 32,000/-** and **(4)** "Developmental works at Yelahanka old town Bus Station, Bengaluru." - **Amount put to tender: Rs. 8.50 Lakhs and EMD: Rs. 22,000/-.** Participating bidders shall refer the e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for details. Any other information required can be obtained from this office. **Last date for receipt of tenders: 12.05.2026. Date of opening of Tender: 14.05.2026.**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BMTC.

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Haveri

No.EE/PWD/HVR/PB/Tender/8443/2026-27/491
Dated : 02-05-2026

Corrigendum No.01

As per this office tender Notification No.EE/PB/Tender/ 8443/2026-27/491/Dated:02-05-2026. Regarding SI.No.01 work (Work Indent No.35506) the schedule of date are modified as below

(1) Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders : **20-05-2026**, 4.00 PM (2) Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid : **21-05-2026**, 4.30 PM (3) Date and Time of opening of Financial Bid : **22-05-2026**, 11.00 AM

Further there are no changes in the tender notification.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Haveri

DIPR/Haveri/KSMCA/72/2026-27

ODISHA BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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F. No. 302/OBB/2026/26-553 Date: 02.05.2026

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR
Selection of a Printing agency for Designing, Printing, Bindings and Supply of Books, Reports, Publications etc. to OBB, Bhubaneswar

Bid Identification No. OBB/ 01 / 2026-27

The Member Secretary, on behalf of Odisha Biodiversity Board, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha invites RFP for "Selection of a Printing agency for Designing, Printing, Bindings and Supply of Books, Reports, Publications etc. to OBB, Bhubaneswar" from eligible bidders through e-tendering process through two bid system. The bidders fulfilling the eligibility criteria of the RFP document can access and download the complete RFP and other details from OBB website **www.odishabiodiversityboard.in** / e-portal **https://obb.ewizard.in**. The bid calendar under the end-to-end process are:

EMD in Rs.	Cost of Bid Document in Rs.	Availability of RFP document (online)		Date of Opening of (Technical Bid)
		From	To	
Mentioned Separately for Each Book	Mentioned Separately for Each Book	03.05.2026/ 10.00 A.M.	18.05.2026/ 11.30 A.M.	18.05.2026/ 03.30 P.M.

Addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation, if any, will be published in OBB website and eWizard portal.

Sd/-
Member Secretary
Odisha Biodiversity Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is here by informed to the general public that my client T M G Naidu is the owner and in possession of schedule property mentioned hereunder, However, my client has lost the original BDA Allotment letter No.B6.698.BSK-I/69, Situated at Banashankari 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore and in this regard my client has lodged a complaint before the Bangalore City Police on 01.05.2026, regarding lost of original BDA Allotment letter pertaining to the schedule property.

Therefore, the general public are hereby informed that if any one possess of the aforesaid document and claiming right, title and interest in respect of the property mentioned in the schedule herein below, will amount to fraud, mis-representation and illegal. If any person wants to file objection with regard to above, they may do so within 15 days from the date of the publication to the address given below.

If no objections are received within the said period, it will be treated that there are no claims against the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing vacant Site No.698, in the layout formed by BDA, situated at Banashankari 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore, measuring East to West:20 Feet and North to South 60 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq.Feet, and bounded on

East by : Site No.699,
West by : Site No.697,
North by : Road,
South by : Site No.703.

A.M.Gajendra, Advocate,
No.2, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Srinivasanagar, Kathriguppe Main Road, Bangalore-560 085.
Ph. No - 9845562465
Bangalore Dated: 01.05.2026

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ಜಯನಗರ 4ನೇ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು –560 011, **Ph.No.:** 080-22443255, , **e-mail:** srivinayakajayanagara@gmail.com

ಸಂ: ಎಸ್.ವಿ.ಟಿ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್./05/2026–27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.05.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಯನಗರ 4ನೇ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ ವಿನಾಯಕ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ವಿವಿಧ ಸೇವೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ **(E-Procurement)** ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ/ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **https:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಷರತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ವಯ ತಮ್ಮ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ದೇವಾಲಯದ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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4.	ಬಾಳೆಹಣ್ಣು	HRICE/26-27/IND 1043			
5.	ತೆಂಗಿನಕಾಯಿ	HRICE/26-27/IND1044			
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DIPR/CP/463/SA/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

WITHDRAWAL OF EARLIER DEMAND NOTICE PUBLICATION

This is to inform the general public that the notice published in this newspaper on 06.02.2026 (Newspapers - The New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha) on (Page No. IE-16 & KP-10) under the heading Demand Notice relating to property bearing Survey No.69, old No.136/ Flat No.108 at Third Floor being erected in "Dadha House" Residential Apartment situated at 7th Main Road, 5th Block, Jayanagar Extension, Bangalore-560041, is hereby withdrawn. The said notice was published due to an inadvertent error in property details. There was no ill-intention or malafide motive on the part of the Undersigned/Bank during the publication. Any inconvenience caused to the property owner or the general public on account of the said publication is sincerely regretted. Members of the public are requested to treat the earlier notice as cancelled and not to act upon the same.

Authorized Officer
under SARFAESI Act, 2002
HDFC Bank Ltd

Place: Bangalore
Date: 03.05.2026

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

OA.NO.1045/2024
A/c No.922030062411394

BETWEEN:
Axis Bank Limited, Having Registered Office at Trishul' Opposite Samartheswara Temple, New Law Garden, Ellis Bridge, Ahmadabad-380 OU, Interalia having its Plot No. 41. Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560 009, represented by its Authorised officer Anukthi C Shetty
Email:Ktlegalsupport.collections@.axisbank.com
IFSC CODE: UTIB0000052
...Applicant

AND:
1. M/s VNHC Product Private Limited, Having Its Office At No. 663/91, Neru Palya, Kumbalagodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-560064 Represented By Its Managing Director Mr. Ayathanahalli Chandrachar Anand Aged About 43 Years, Mob: 8050255272 **Also At : M/s Vnhc Product Private Limited.,** No. 2/2, Valagerahalli, Vinayaka Layout, Dubasipalya Nagadevanahalli, Bangalore-560056
2. Mr Ayathanahalli Chandrachar Anand, S/o Mr. Chandrachari, Aged About 43 Years, Residing At No. 826, 9th Cross, Jnana Bharathi 2nd Stage, R V College Campus, Kengeri, Bangalore-560059
3. Ms. Navya G, Aged About 39 Years, W/o Mr Ayathanahalli Chandrachar Anand Residing At No. 826, 9th Cross Jnana Bharathi 2nd Stage, R V College Campus, Kengeri, Bangalore-560059
...Defendant

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 50,76,833.50 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred And Thirty-Three and Fifty Paise Only)** together with current and future interest and other relief's.

The above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **16.07.2026 AT 10.30 A.M.,** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on **04/03/2026.**

REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

ELECTRICAL BRANCH (GENERAL SERVICES)
CHENNAI DIVISION
Tender Notice ME29IISC-Hirect-2026

The Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, General Services, Chennai Division, Southern Railway, IVth Floor, NGO Annex, Park Town, Chennai - 600 003 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE Open Tenders for the E-Tender no. ME29IISC-Hirect-2026 for the following work as per the Tender Notice issued in our E-Tender portal www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders intending to apply for E-Tender for Works in Chennai Division, need to get enrolled in the aforesaid E-Tender portal and only online tenders will be accepted.

E-TENDER NO	ME29IISC-Hirect-2026 dt. 30.04.2026
NAME OF THE WORK	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for maintenance of out of warranty Hirect (M/s. Hind Rectifiers Ltd.) make 25KVA inverters fitted in Roof Mounted AC coaches of Southern Railway for a period of three years.
APPROXIMATE COST OF WORK	₹8,25,38,973/- (Rupees Eight Crore Twenty Five Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Three Only.)
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT	₹5,62,700/- (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Two Thousand and Seven Hundred only.)
CONTRACT PERIOD	Three Years
TENDER CLOSING DATE AND TIME	21.05.2026 at 17.00 Hrs

1. The details of the approximate cost of Tender value, EMD, and the details of bid submission are furnished in the aforesaid E-Portal.
2. The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed.
3. GST rules applicable from time to time will apply for this E-Tender.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer,
Chennai Division, Southern Railway,
For and On Behalf of the President of India.

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A.No.2047/2024
A/c No. 922030041946451

BETWEEN :
AXIS BANK LTD., ...Applicant
AND
Chandana Apparels ...Defendants
To,
(1) Chandana Apparels Represented By Its Proprietor Sri. Ramesh K S S/o. Sri. Shivanna, No.33, 2nd Floor, KTG College Main Road, Vishwaneedam Post, Heggenahalli, Bengaluru Urban, Vishwaneedam, Bengaluru-560 091.
Also At: Chandana Apparels Represented By Its Proprietor Sri. Ramesh K S S/o. Sri. Shivanna, No.3, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main Road, Srigandanagar, Bengaluru-560091.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 54,08,057/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Eight Thousand and Fifty Seven Only)** amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show-cause on **24.08.2026. at 10.30 am** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this day of **23.02.2026**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1,

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A.NO.1575/2023
A/c No. 921030034905695/ 921020001847929

BETWEEN :
AXIS BANK LTD., ...Applicant
AND
RAJLAKXMI TRADING ...Defendants
To,
1.Rajlaxmi Trading, Represented By Its Proprietor Sri. Deeparam Choudhary, S/o Sri. Buddaram, No.4/1, Magadi Main Road, Opp Ganga Water Supply, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560 091. **Also At :** Rajlaxmi Trading, Represented By Its Proprietor Sri. Deeparam Choudhary, S/o Sri. Buddaram, No.359, 2nd Floor, 9th Cross, 6th Block, 1st Phase, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru - 560 072

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs.21,62,359.03 (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred And Fifty Nine And Three Paisa Only)** amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **18/06/2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of **23.04.2026.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that **Mrs. DEEPTHI.K.N.** D/o Late.K. Narasimhaiah Mr.DEEPAK KHADRI NARASIMHAIAH are the absolute owners of the property bearing Site No. 525, Hennur Bellary Road, 1st Stage, 4th Block, Bengaluru measuring East to West 50 feet, North to South 80 feet, BBMP Katha No. 1452/525 and the said property intend to purchase by the under-signed person.

In respect of the said property in case if anybody's claim/ right/ title/ interest/ objection over the same, please intimate to the undersigned address, within 15 days from the date of publication of this public notice, otherwise I the undersigned will proceed further in respect of the said property and getting the said propertyin my name before the jurisdictional Sub-Registrar Office.

SCHEDULE

Site No. 525, Hennur Bellary Road 1st Stage, 4th Block Extension, Bengaluru, measuring 50 x 80 feets, BBMP Khatha No. 1452/525, BOUNDED ON EAST BY: SITE No. 526, WEST BY: SITE No. 524, NORTH BY: ROAD, SOUTH BY: SITE No. 503

ANNAIAH, Mob: 9341216349 &
KIRAN, Mob: 7348897969
SUBBARAO, Advocate
Mob: 9740284541, Date:02-05-2026

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

OA.NO.1044/2024
A/c No. 922030013551797

BETWEEN :
Axis Bank Limited
Having Registered Office at TRISHUL' Opposite Samartheswara Temple, New Law Garden, Ellis Bridge, Ahmadabad-380006, Interalia having its Plot No. 41. Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009, represented by its Authorised officer Anukthi C Shetty
Email: Ktlegalsupport.collections@axisbank.com
IFSC CODE: UTIB0000052
... Applicant

AND
(1) M/s Nature Home Care Product, A Proprietrix concerned, represented by its Proprietrix Ms. Navya.G., having its office at No. 43, Vinayaka Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Near Dubasi Palya, Railway Gate, Bangalore-560056. Mob: 9902362991
(2) Ms. Navya.G., Aged about 40 years (DOB: 29/3/1984) Wife of Mr. Anand.A.C. Residing at No. 15, 1* Main Road, MTS Layout, Kengeri Upanagar, Bangalore-560060.
...Defendants

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 42,35,255.86/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Five and Eight Six Paisa Only)** together with current and future interest and other relief's.

The above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **23.7.2026 at 10.30 A.M.,** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on **16.04.2026.**

REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Follow us on @SCRailwayindia
Details of the Tender Notices of S.C Railway can be seen on our website : www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Tender Notice No.05/2026 Dt.01.05.2026 PUB/163

Supply of Stores Items
E-Procurement Tender Notice

The following tenders have been floated online. Tenders are requested to visit the website **www.ireps.gov.in** and submit their offers online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD may be seen in website. Offers submitted manually will not be accepted. Offers by post will not be entertained. Tender closing time is **14.30** hrs of the due date of the tender. "For all Indigenous Offers, EMD will be accepted only via online system as available on **www.ireps.gov.in.**"

Tender No.	Brief Description
25264824	Finger contact and flexible shunt assembly
29261087	Impeller for oil cooling blower
37255004A	Set of springs for wagons of CASNUB 22RFT
SCR26CA PTCTT	RC for the supply of Capital spares Tungsten Carbide Tamping Toos (TCTT)
76261290	MIG/MAG Welding filler wire to IRS-M46-2020 CLASS-VI
67245015C	Design Manufacturing supply & Installation commissioning of 15T capacity EOT Crane
6026PT018	1in 16T/O/PSC sleepers to T-10070
6026PT023	Price agreement for CGRSP52kg T-8327 of size 6.2mm with validity of 02 yrs
45261037	Contractor for Net1 &2, Rated voltage 1000vAC
6026PT024	Procurement of Various types of End cut HVN liners
38265007	Cast Steel Bolster

Note:- Due dates of Tender Opening

SL. No. 01 on dt.18.05.2026.
SL. No. 02 to 04 on dt. 22.05.2026.
SL. No. 05 dt. 25.05.2026.
SL. No. 06 on dt. 26.05.2026
SL. No. 07 on dt 01.06.2026.
SL. No. 08 on dt. 02.06.2026
SL. No. 09 on dt.04.06.2026.
SL. No. 10 on dt.08.06.2026.
SL. No. 11 on dt.11.06.2026

CORRIGENDUM

Tender Notice No..40 dt. 24.4.2024 Tender No.6026PT020 due date may be read as 26.05.2026. & 66265800 due date may be read as 25.5.2026.

Beside above mentioned Tenders There are other Tenders having **value above Rs. 50 Lakhs** for details, please visit Railway website above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager/ Secunderabad
A187

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at http://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **M/s. PRAKRUTHI REALITY AND INFRA PVT LTD.,** No. 802, A Block, 14th Main, 18th Cross, Sahakar Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka State is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners Sri. M. Srinivasaiah S/o late Madhaiah alias Madaiah, aged about 48 years, Residing at # 40, 2nd Cross, Ambedkar Nagar, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore - 560 072 and Sri. C. Jagadish, S/o Late Chikkathimmaiah, Grandson of late Smt. Lakshmidevamma, Aged about 38 years, Residing at No.95, Moodala Mane, I.S.E.C Main Road, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560 072 for a valid Sale Consideration.

If any persons having any Claims, Right, Title, Interest, whatsoever over the Schedule Property may forward/lodge their objections to the under mentioned Address in writing, **within Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of Publication of this Public Notice, failing which it will be deemed that there are no Claims, Right, Title or Interest by anybody and my Client will proceed with the completion of Sale Transaction and will get Registered the Absolute Sale Deed of the Schedule Property in their Name.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable house property bearing Sy. No.32 of Nagarabhavi, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore having MR No. H3/2018-19, Khata No.5 measuring 1 Acres and 07 Guntas and Bounded as Follows: **East by:** Property in same survey No.32 belonging to M. Srinivasaiah 2nd Executant, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Others Property, **South by:** 25 feet Road

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable house property bearing Sy. No.32 of Nagarabhavi, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore having MR No. H3/2018-19, Khata No.5 measuring 1 Acres and 00 Guntas and Bounded as follows: **East by:** Halla, **West by:** Property in same survey No.32 belonging to C. Jagadish 1st Executant, **North by:** Kharab Land, **South by:** 25 feet Road

I.A. KHAN, Advocate
K.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
#52, 46th Cross, IV Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010. Mob: 9945979092.
Email: kklawassociates7@gmail.com
Date: 02.05.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase all that piece and parcel of property bearing **Site No. 2, khata No. 339/12/1/2/2,** measuring **758.1 square meters / 8160 square feet** formed on residentially and industrially (mixed development) converted lands bearing Survey Nos. 12/1 & 12/2, situated at **Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** more fully described in the schedule below (**'Schedule Property'**), from (i) Chandra Shekar B.R and (ii) B.R. Rajshekar, both sons of B. Radhakrishnama Naidu (**'Owners'**).

The Owners have represented that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property & that the Schedule Property is not the subject matter of any subsisting & valid mortgages, lien or charges in favour of anyone & that there are no litigations disposed/pending &/or any subsisting & valid agreements for sale or the like executed by the Owners in respect of the Schedule Property.

If any person/s have any manner of right to, interest in or claim against the Schedule Property including but not limited to any encumbrance thereon by way of a charge, mortgage or lien or being a party to any Agreement for Sale or the like or any Litigations in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof, may, within **15 (fifteen) days** hereof submit to us such claim together with documentary proof in support thereof, failing which, it shall be presumed that there are no encumbrances, charges or lien or any valid & subsisting Agreements for Sale or the like or any Litigations, or any other claim, right, title or interest in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Site No. 2, bearing khata No. 339/12/1/2/2, measuring 758.1 square meters / 8160 square feet formed on residentially and industrially (mixed development) converted lands bearing Survey Nos. 12/1 & 12/2, situated at Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District bounded on the:

East by: Property No. 01;**West by :** Property No. 03 ; **North by:** Private Property ; **South by:** Road.

Smitha .R.B, Advocate
KING & PARTRIDGE, ADVOCATES,
NO. 48, LAVELLE ROAD, BENGALURU-560001. Ph. No. 080 22212341 / 42.
BENGALURU, DATE: 03rd May 2026

IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE (S.D) THANE CIVIL M.A. NO. 13 OF 2026

Smt. Annalakshmy, W/o K. L. Hariharan, Age 60 Years, OCC. Housewife, Presently R/AT Row House No. 20, Gunjan CHS, Lokpuram Gate No. 1, Pokhran Road No.1, Thane (W) . ...Applicant V/s

1. Lakshman Hariharan, Age 33 Occ. Service, Presently R/AT Row House No. 20, Gunjan CHS, Lokpuram Gate No. 1, Pokhran Road No.1, Thane (W)
Also at : Flat No. G-3, Sunny Verano, Chikkananelli Village, Varthur, Hobli, Bangalore (E)-560035, Karnataka.
2. Kamala Hariharan, (W/o Abhishek Ramasubramanian), Age 29, Occ. Service R/at 10, Shashtri Nagar, 7th Cross Street, Adyar LCS, Natraj Appartment, 1st Floor, Door No. 1-A, Chennai-600020, (T.N.)
....Opponents

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL that the aforesaid Applicant, SMT. Annalakshmy Hariharan, has filed the above proceedings u/s 390 Indian Succession Act for grant of HEIRSHIP CERTIFICATE in respect of the Scheduled Properties herein under belonging to her deceased husband Mr. K. L. Hariharan.

Hence, this Public Notice inviting objection, if any, from the person/s having any adverse interest or stake, therein, within 15 days from the date of this Notice failing which the matter would be proceeded with as per law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

THANE : A) A residential premises in a MAHADA Building bearing Room No. 927 admeasuring 20.23 sq.mtrs. carpet on 3rd Floor in Building No. 29, Vartak Nagar, Pokharan Road No.1, Thane (W).(The deceased had purchased this room in this premises vide an agreement for transfer dated 13.03.2014 for a total consideration of Rs. 17,36,000/- in the hope that in near future it would be redeveloped, but due to some dispute between the Society and the Developer, the building could not go for redevelopment)

BANGALORE (KARNATAKA)
B) An open plot bearing Khata No. 93/1, Site No. 90, situated in Byrathi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk admeasuring 1669 sq.ft. (The deceased husband had purchased this property in Bangalore vide a registered sale deed dated 30.05.1997 for a total consideration of Rs. 86,000/- in the hope that he would build a house on this plot and settle down after his retirement. Unfortunately, that dream could not come true for the deceased and the property is still lying vacant.)

PALAKKAD (KERALA)
C) A piece of land bearing Plot No. 35, Sabari Enclave, situated on the western side of 5 meter wide road (Old Sy. No. 101/2A1, as per BTR Old Sy. No.101/2A1, 107 /1) Muttikkulangara, Puthuppariyaram village, Dist. Palakkad (Kerala), 678594 admeasuring 5.79 cents (2522 sq.ft.) (Since the native place of the deceased was Palakkad, he had purchased this plot for his future life with a view to build a house thereon vide a registered sale deed dated 15.12.2012 for an amount of Rs. 2,57,000/-)

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 12th day of March, 2026.
Sd/-
Superintendent Civil Court,

Kuldeep sets national pole vault record

Madhya Pradesh's Kuldeep Kumar set the national men's pole vault record on Day 1 of inaugural Indian Indoor Open Combined Events and Pole Vault Competition at Bhubaneswar's Indoor Stadium on Saturday. The 21-year-old cleared the height of 5.41m in his first attempt to better the record of 5.40m set last year by Dev Kumar Meena.

SHREYAS' KINGDOM OF PUNJAB

With the franchise continuing their dominance from last season, Swaroop Swaminathan explores how skipper Shreyas is at the front and centre of it all...

He's very positive with the players all the time. I worked with him for a number of years at Delhi. He obviously went from Delhi to Kolkata (Knight Riders) and won an IPL. He's now experienced and that helps a lot.

— Ricky Ponting, PBKS head coach

DURING the innings break of the game between Delhi Capitals and Punjab Kings, Shreyas Iyer organised an impromptu, informal team meeting. No team had ever chased down a target of 265 in the 20-year history of the format, but the captain believed in his troops. "Although it is 265," Yash Thakur remembers the message to the group, "we will chase it down".

In a nutshell, this short message explains Shreyas's entire philosophy to leadership and captaincy. Communication, relentless positivity, inspiring speeches inside the dressing room, and not shying away from responsibility. This is the story of how the 31-year-old built the Punjab Kings in his own image.

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When Shreyas took Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) to the Indian Premier League (IPL) title in 2024, he may have been a retention lock ahead of the mega auction. But he was released. Punjab, who had released a lot of players, had money to bid for A-list superstars. So, they wanted a proven Indian leader and made Shreyas the costliest player at the auction (till Lucknow eclipsed that with their bid for Rishabh Pant later in the auction).

Eyebrows were raised when the Mumbaikar was signed for ₹26.75 crore, but roughly 18 months later, this is the best ₹26.75 cr they have spent in their 19-year history. He has helped change the culture of the franchise. In the past, they were synonymous with inconsistency, and their leaders had a history of non-performance. In fact, from 2008 to 2024, they had multiple leadership changes, including mid-season. The environment surrounding the franchise, it seemed, was breaking their captains.

In 2025 and 2026? The franchise and the captain have soared to new heights. A symbiotic relationship, if ever there was one.

How?

This piece, told through the eyes of Nehal Wadhera, Thakur (Punjab teammates), Ricky Ponting (franchise's head coach) and Tanush Kotian (Shreyas's Mumbai teammate and friend), finds a captain who's a force of nature. He leads by example and ensures he's always there to support his colleagues off the field. Ponting cites the example of how the captain has always put his arm around Priyansh Arya as an example. In a select interaction, Marco Jansen also makes the point that Shreyas isn't a dictator but somebody who's welcoming and always up for discussions. Kotian, who played under him in Mumbai's Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy-winning 2024-25, says Shreyas is a motivating, inspiring figure.

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Ponting has seen Shreyas' growth over a number of years — they first shared the relationship of coach and captain in the latter stages of the 2018 season with Delhi Daredevils (they were rebranded as Captitals in 2019). The Australian lists two primary reasons why Shreyas not only commands the respect of the dressing room but is also a much-loved figure. "He has got a really good ability to communicate with his players," he tells this daily. "He's very positive with the players all the time. I worked with him for a number of years at Delhi. He obviously went from Delhi to Kolkata (Knight Riders) and won an IPL. He's now experienced and that helps a lot. The other thing that helps a lot (with respect to the captaincy) is he's at the very top of his own game."

What Ponting says is pretty clear. As a leader and captain, it's easy to bark instructions in the dressing room and set the agenda, but players, young and old, need that buy-in. And that buy-in is that much easier when the captain leads from the front with his own actions. Because the 31-year-old practices what he preaches, the Punjab dressing room is prepared to walk through walls and climb mountains for him.

Here's Ponting. "When he's on the field, he leads by example and plays a certain way and wants the rest of the players to play the way he plays the game and follow in his footsteps."

Both Kotian and Jansen are firm Shreyas believers. "He gave me a free hand and told me to do whatever I wanted to do," Kotian tells this mast. "Don't think too much about the result, he encouraged me to play aggressively. When we won SMAT in 2024-25, I learnt a lot from him. The way he bats up the order, his free-flowing game... it inspired us to step up and do well as well." Wadhera, who had a breakout season in 2025, offers something similar. "He is someone who wants to lead by example," the southpaw tells this daily. "Yes, he does guide us about what's expected from us regularly, but he thinks the best way to extract the maximum performance from the team is by setting the benchmark himself."

Jansen, who had a memorable Indian winter with South Africa's whites, thinks he can corner glory in the Indian summer as well. And Shreyas is a big part of why he feels so. "You know," the all-rounder says, "he's going to lead the team in a way where it's going to put the team in a position to not just win games but also, if you are lucky enough, win a trophy as well. He's always welcoming. It's never a case of it feeling like a dictatorship. He makes everyone feel valued and welcomed."

The 51-year-old Ponting, who joined hands with Shreyas at Punjab last year, illustrates this with the example of Arya. "Someone like Priyansh has always appreciated the fact that Shreyas has always had his back all the time," he says. "He's always been there to put his arm around his shoulder and pat him on the back and give him a bit of confidence."

Arya, who lit up the Delhi league in 2024, burst into the national consciousness thanks to his exploits with Punjab in 2025 (strike rate of 179.2 across 17 games while averaging 27.9). Behind the scenes, the captain was working with the opener, ensuring the southpaw knew he would get chances.

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One thing that a lot of players appreciate Shreyas for is his ability to big up his players in his speeches. When asked if he's one for making grand speeches in the dressing room, Ponting smiles. "It depends if I ask him to make a speech or not in the team meeting (smiles)," the Australian says. "But he will. He's very good at articulating the way he wants his team to play as well, and quite often he will speak up in team meetings."

SUNDAY SPECIAL

During one such meeting in the innings break against Capitals, he calmly broke down how they could win. Here's Thakur. "I have rarely come across people who have the mindset he has. His confidence is infectious and it spreads within the dressing room." The message, from Shreyas and Ponting to the team, was simple. "Against Lucknow at Mullanpur, we scored 254. We need to score 10 more today. I'm sure we can."

Jansen also highlights Shreyas' capacity 'to know what he wants to achieve'. "He's very driven," the all-rounder says. "You sort of follow his lead. As a player, it's nice to have a captain like that where you feel you can go up to the captain to speak about certain things about the game. He will give his advice or two cents and then he will formulate a plan with you to help you get better if need be and to take the team forward."

Punjab, who are on course to make one of the best starts to the season ever, know this can be a special season. Apart from Delhi, they are the only member of the founding eight yet to win the league. 2026, though, is a chance to change that.

THOMAS CUP

FRANCE TASTE GLORY AFTER BEATING INDIA

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

Ayush Shetty was beaten by Christo Popov. However, India signed off with bronze | BADMINTON PHOTO

AYUSH Shetty had been living a dream since the start of April. After his exploits at the Asia Championships in China, where he captured a rare silver, he was once again producing high-quality badminton to take down big rivals including All England and India Open winner Lin Chun-yi in the quarterfinals of the ongoing Thomas Cup at Horsens, Denmark, on Friday. Wins that were adding to his growing reputation.

However on Saturday, just a day before his 21st birthday, Ayush hit a wall in the form of Christo Popov.

In the first men's singles against France in the last-four stage in the absence of senior compatriot Lakshya Sen, Ayush was simply no match for Christo.

The Indian was a helpless figure as the left-handed Christo, with his fine smashes aimed towards the backhand, put up a masterclass to walk away with an easy victory (21-11, 21-9).

Ayush is still raw at this level and that was evident during the match as he just couldn't figure out Christo's game. On Friday, Ayush, known for his power game, had conjured some delicate touches to the other side of his game. Over the course of the tournament, he had shown his ability to course-correct in-game and find solutions. But on the day, he was blank. It was as though his system had malfunctioned. Christo, on the other hand, continued to press on before polishing off the tie within 39 minutes.

"A bit disappointed with the performance today but Christo played a solid game... I was really not stable on the court, overall his pace was really high and putting the pressure on me," Ayush later reflected.

With India, looking to retrace 2022 gold, on the backfoot and Lakshya unavailable for the tie as he had endured some knocks during his quarterfinal tie, the onus was now on seniors — Kidambi Srikanth and HS Prannoy — to help the team flip the script.

Srikanth, the former World No 1 who was instrumental in the team's 2022 success, showed plenty of heart, especially in Game 2, in his tie against Alex Lanier. But that was all in vain as Lanier handed France a 2-0 lead with a 21-16, 21-18 win.

Prannoy, featuring in the third singles, threw the kitchen sink and was leading against Toma Junior Popov until the business end of the opening game but the latter recovered in the nick of time to seal a handsome win (21-19, 21-16) for France. France, who sealed their first-ever medal at the premier competition a day ago, now have the chance to put the icing on the cake. The defeat, however, is a chance for India to reassess their stock in the singles game but they will go back with a bronze medal.

Gaikwad, Kartik guide CSK to 8-wicket win

SUPER SUNDAY

SRH & PBKS will be eyeing to entrench their positions at the top of the table. A look...

SRH aim to go top

With five straight wins, the Pat Cummins-led side is gunning for top spot. A win on Sunday against KKR will see them further cement their spot in the top four.

PBKS seek turnaround

After their first loss of season, Punjab will be aiming to get back to winning ways against GT. Meanwhile, Shubman Gill and Co are on a roll and will look to gain some momentum in the play-off race.

SRH vs KKR, Hyderabad, 3.30 PM

GT vs PBKS, Ahmedabad, 7.30 PM

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Ruturaj Gaikwad celebrates his fifty | ASHWIN PRASATH

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

A CAPTAIN'S knock (67 n.o) from Ruturaj Gaikwad and Kartik Sharma's first IPL fifty (54 n.o) helped Chennai Super Kings thrash Mumbai Indians by eight wickets at the MA Chidambaram stadium under lights here on Saturday. It was a day when everything went right for the hosts. First, they reduced the visitors to a 159/7 and then chased down the target of (160) without much fuss. All along this season Ruturaj was waiting to play a match-winning knock and the Mumbai game served him as a perfect platform to display his prowess.

The wicket offered good bounce and carry, which enabled the batters to play the shots. The skipper along with Kartik Sharma added 98 runs in 75 balls for the third wicket that set the tone for the win. In the chase of 160, CSK had poor start as their star opener Sanju Samson once again failed to give a good start. He misread an outswinger from Bumrah that had good carry and bounce and edged it to Ryan Rickelton behind the stumps. After Sanju's exit Urvil Patel made a quickfire 24 and exited. Earlier, Naman Dhir, who enjoyed a slice of luck while on 19, made best use of the opportunity to make 57 off 37 balls, which in turn propelled the Mumbai Indians to post a modest 159/7.

Dhir added 58 runs with Rickelton first before putting up a 40-run stand with Suryakumar Yadav. He eventually fell a little after scoring his fifty whilst trying to take on Jamie Overton as Sarfaraz Khan produced a brilliant catch. Yadav, Tilak Varma and even Hardik Pandya struggled to force the pace. **Brief scores:** MI 159/7 in 20 ovs (Naman 57; Kamboj 3/32) **lost to** CSK 160/2 in 18.1 ovs (Gaikwad 67 n.o, Kartik 54 n.o; Bumrah 1/20).

Full story: newindianexpress.com

T20 WC: Amanjot, Kashvee miss out

GOMESH S @ Chennai

INJURIES to all-rounders Amanjot Kaur and Kashvee Gautam headline concerns for the Indian team as the squad for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 was announced on Saturday. In the duo's absence, Chandigarh pacer Nandni Sharma has earned a maiden call-up, while Radha Yadav is making a comeback for the global event.

"Amanjot, she was our key player. Unfortunately, she is not available. She is away from cricket for the next four to five months. It was very difficult to find someone like her who could come into that place. But still we are trying, we have got Radha back in the side," skipper Harmanpreet Kaur said.

Earlier in South Africa, Harmanpreet had hoped that Amanjot would be back in the side to provide the necessary balance, but that was not to be, as the all-rounder is down with a back injury. As seen during last year's ODI World Cup, Amanjot, who missed the SA series due to injury, was crucial to the balance of the side. "She is also an all-rounder who can contribute with bat, ball and on the field. It was very hard to find a replacement for Amanjot. We replaced her with Kashvee, and now, she is also injured. We replaced her with Nandni," chief selector Amita Sharma said, adding that she has confidence in the pool of players picked for the T20 WC.

Kashvee, who is down with a knee injury, is expected to undergo surgery, raising questions over India's management of their pacers. In their absence, pressure will be on Renuka Thakur, Kranti Gaud and Arundhati Reddy to deliver.

With the bat, the focus remains on India's top four. Shafali Verma, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues and Harmanpreet perform will be crucial to determine India's fate at the global event to be held in England from June 12 to July 5. India will have a one-week preparatory camp at CoE from May 10 before leaving for the three T20Is in England on May 22.

- **T20 World Cup and T20I series against England:** Harmanpreet (C), Mandhana (VC), Shafali, Jemimah, Fulmali, Deepti, Richa (WK), Sree Charani, Yastika (WK), Nandni, Arundhati, Renuka, Kranti, Shreyanka, Radha.
- **Lord's Test:** Harmanpreet (C), Mandhana (VC), Shafali, Jemimah, Pratika, Deepti, Richa (WK), Sree Charani, Yastika (WK), Nandni, Harleen, Renuka, Kranti, Sayali, Sneh.

EXPRESS READ

Sporting Delhi, Punjab play out goalless draw

NEW DELHI: Sporting Club Delhi were held to a 0-0 draw at home to Punjab FC in the Indian Super League at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on Saturday. Playing after a long break, Delhi hoped to get their third win of the season against a strong Punjab FC side, but failed to find a goal. In another match, Parthib Gogoi's winner in the 90th minute for NorthEast United helped them defeat Inter Kashi 3-2.

Indian quartets fail to make final rounds

GABORONE (BOTSWANA): All the five Indian quartets failed to make it to the final rounds and thus missed out on the 2027 World Championships berths on Day 1 of the World Athletics Relays here. They will compete on Sunday in an additional round for 4 slots for 2027 Worlds.

40 boxers unable to get SAI sanction for camp

NEW DELHI: As many as 40 boxers face uncertainty after being omitted from the sanction letter issued by the Sports Authority of India for the national camp, casting doubt on their participation in the selection assessment process for this year's CWG and Asiad.

Dhamne advances to first Challenger final

NEW DELHI: India's Manas Dhamne scripted a breakthrough run by advancing to his maiden Challenger final with a win over France's Antoine Ghibaudo in Shymkent on Saturday. The 18-year-old beat Ghibaudo 6-4, 6-3 in the semifinals of the clay court tournament. The victory marks a significant milestone in Dhamne's career, making him one of the few Indian teenagers to reach an ATP Challenger final.

FOOTBALL

Arsenal breeze past Fulham to go six points clear

AGENCIES @ London

ARSENAL enjoyed a stress-free afternoon of Premier League football after a long time to go six points clear of Manchester City at the top of the table on Saturday.

Bukayo Saka, whose goal sandwiched Viktor Gyokeres' double, was a big influence on the game as the Londoners put this game to bed in the first half itself with three goals. Fulham didn't threaten the Arsenal goal at any point and Mikel Arteta was afforded the rare luxury of resting some of his key players ahead of the second leg of the Champions League semifinal against Atletico on Tuesday. For a large part of 2026, Arsenal, aiming to win a first title since the 2003-04 season, have either laboured past teams or have lost big points to cede advantage to the Man City.

Fulham, a team who have regularly challenged Arsenal in recent seasons, were thought of as tricky opponents. But the Gunners started very quickly and were ahead in the ninth minute through the big Swede, Saka the creator. For the second, they again combined but this time the creator finished the goal, a smart near-post finish. Earlier, West Ham's 3-0 defeat at Brentford offered Tottenham a lifeline in the battle.

Arsenal's Viktor Gyokeres (C) celebrates after scoring against Fulham | AP

Spurs remain in the relegation zone, two points from safety, but can move out of the bottom three with victory at Aston Villa on Sunday after the Hammers succumbed to just their third defeat in 11 league games. Brentford boosted their chances of European qualification for the first time with a first win in eight matches.

Brentford move up to sixth, which could be enough to secure Champions League qualification. **Results: Saturday:** Arsenal **3-0** Fulham; Newcastle **3-1** Brighton; Brentford **3-0** West Ham; Wolves **1-1** Sunderland. **Friday:** Leeds **3-1** Burnley.

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